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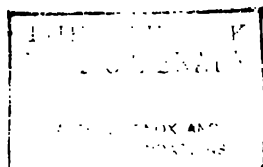


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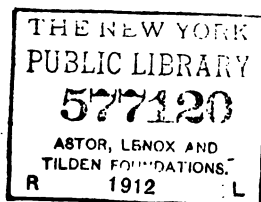
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DULCE EST DESIPERE IN LOCO.—*Horace.*

DULCE—*Delightful*, says the poet,
EST—*is it*, and right well we know it,
DESIPERE—*to play the fool*
IN LOCO—*when we're out of school.*

W. M. T.

THE SETTE OF ODD VOLVMES.
1891-92.

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VICE-PRESIDENT :


Brother Wilfrid Ball, *Painter-Etcher.*

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FRATERNITY.

Fraternity is one long circling chain
Of equal links steel-strong ; break one, break all ;
It holds true minds in gently temper'd thrall,
And gives league—strength—to meet Life's tug and strain.

UNION.

Scorn not the aid one loyal mind can bring ;
A noble growth expands by small degrees ;
Not all at once leaves clothe the wintry trees ;
But each burst bud helps on the greening spring.

BROTHER WILSEY MARTIN, *Laureate.*

Sept., 1891.

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INAUGURAL ADDRESS

OF HIS ODDSHIP, BROTHER GEORGE CHARLES HAITÉ,
READ BEFORE THE SETTE AT LIMMER'S HOTEL,
APRIL 3RD, 1891.

BRETHREN AND GÜESTS,—

IN conformity with our time-honoured custom I have to submit to you my inaugural address—a President's persiflage which must needs deal somewhat considerably with the fatal "I." Therefore I crave the indulgence of our guests, and the forbearance of the Brethren during the performance of this my first presidential duty.

To eight successive inaugural addresses have I critically listened, and if an unuttered thought passed through my mind that they could have been improved upon I am duly punished.

Retribution has pursued me, and at last my turn has come. When in a casual way I turned to scan those addresses the shock was terrific, I found that all I would say had *been* said, and all that I could say—and much more—had been said better. Then in my agony an unholy thought occurred to me. I saw a chance by which I might at once electrify and delight the Brethren, for I recalled a story of a friend who in the course of his duty as a journalist was deputed to describe the street decorations on the occasion of the Jubilee rejoicings. He said that, knowing how everything he could say would be said by the other papers, he deliberately mixed the names and wilfully reversed the decorative efforts of the loyal and patriotic shopkeepers. So, I thought, why should not I annex the good things said by the preceding Presidents, skilfully mix them and quote our Brother Quaritch's words as having been uttered by Brother Brown ; or Brother Thompson's by Brother Venables, and



so on; but I refrained, and thus leave this opportunity for a future President to cover himself with glory. And if in my despair of saying any new thing I came to look upon the Sette as the embodiment of one of those ancient monsters, which lived upon the annual offering of the sacrificial victim, I hope I may be forgiven. But there was no escape from my position, and therefore I resolutely faced it;—

“For how can man die better
Than facing fearful Odds!”

Seriously, Brother Odd Volumes, I have been associated with most of you for some years as your irrepressible and enthusiastic *Art Critic*, but I address you now, for the first time in a new character,—that of your President. Naturally my feelings are those of gratitude, tempered with a becoming sense of pride, and my first words will be thanks for the great honour you have conferred upon me. It would be mere affectation were I to attempt to disguise or

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make light of the fact that this position—always a proud and honourable one,—has annually become more onerous, because more public. It would seem more satisfactory if the order of succession could be reversed and the Fathers of the Sette take the places that some of the younger and less experienced members—like myself—are called upon to occupy. But the conditions of the Sette forbid this. The most important feature in our constitution is that each of the Brethren should be privileged to taste, if not enjoy, the sweets of office. Surely it is in obedience to this rule, and from no aptitude that I may have shown, or am imagined to possess—that I have been elected.

Candidly, uncertain though I feel, I am proud of the position—proud of the title—and there is something I am even more proud of, and that is the tangible proof you have thus given of your confidence in me. I know I have that, and no one shall more jealously guard the

reputation and interests of this society than myself. I hope at the termination of my short reign that you will, one and all, feel that your confidence has not been misplaced, and that the Sette has suffered naught under my direction. Although I may doubt my capacity for worthily supporting a dignity which becomes greater, as wider interests are involved, and greater publicity is cast upon our sayings and our doings, I shall bear in mind that, though "Knowledge is a steep which few may climb," yet "Duty is a path which all may tread."

This occasion is the President's legitimate opportunity for giving expression to his views, his hopes, and his plans for making his year attractive to the Brethren and their guests. Bear with me then for a little while. You have elected me in no half-hearted way. No Brother has interviewed me as to my plans or my programme. You have taken it for granted that I shall continue to do that which I have ever

sought to do—sink all personal feeling, and consider only the reputation and welfare of the Sette as a whole. Had your confidence and kindness not been so complete, I doubt if—even at the eleventh hour—I should have had the courage to undertake so responsible a position, for I have to follow a list of distinguished Presidents, and my immediate predecessor has made his year one of the most brilliant in our history. But we have been told when former Presidents have expressed some such doubts as I feel, that this Chair is possessed of magic properties, investing each occupant with a wisdom, judgment and brilliancy (certainly our experience goes to confirm this) that doubtless astonishes the occupant as much as the Brethren. Translated, this means, in my case at least, that the spirit of Brotherhood must and will make you all kind and considerate in your judgment, and appreciative of my efforts; and I honestly believe, in fact I have already had practical

proof of it, that this kindly support will be extended to me, as it has already been to others.

I was first introduced to this little brotherhood by our dear Brother Charles Wyman, and I cannot but express my sorrow at his unavoidable absence at such a time. To many, as the Sette is now constituted, he is but a name, but to the older Brethren, his memory is a very sacred one ; for they know all he did and all he hoped for the Sette, of which he was one of the originators and founders.

Eight years ago I was initiated as an Odd Volume by our worthy *Historiographer*, and I recall how deep an impression some words of his made upon me. He dwelt upon the importance and necessity of brotherly feeling among us in a very noble and affecting way, and during the years since then I have become more and more convinced that this brotherly feeling is the only thing which can make such a society as ours long cohere. No fantastic rites, oaths, or

rules could bind such a society so securely, so surely, as a true feeling of fealty and brotherhood. This Sette is composed, probably without exception, of men possessed of strong individuality, which when it has found expression in their work, has made them famous. We have all the charms and all the defects of our qualities, and if we derive pleasure from the former, we must be generous in our view of the latter. Conscious, therefore, of the defects of my own qualities, I will endeavour to be all unconscious to what I may consider yours.

Those of us who have, like myself, seen and known the Sette in its infancy, and watched its growth with pride, must have been struck by the subtle change which has taken place in the spirit of the Sette. We have increased and flourished in no uncertain way; our members are possessed of energy and ability; our publications excite as much attention and interest as they have heretofore done; nay, even at the

expense of doing some slight violence to my own pride as an older member, let me admit that we stand on a higher platform in regard to all these things than we have ever done before ; and while I admit this great gain, let me own with sorrow that I have to mourn what is to me a greater loss. Brethren, speaking very plainly and feelingly, I miss, and have for some time missed, that close personal contact, that more than ordinary friendship and affection which existed between the members of our Sette, and which formed its greatest charm. We might and did quibble, but deep in our hearts was the feeling that, differ as we might, we were bound to each other by very close ties of personal affection and regard. We sympathized with each other's sorrows, we rejoiced in each other's successes, and we knew that we had in each of our fellow Odd Volumes a Brother not only in name but in deed. Is it inevitable that in the wider range of our membership, and in the wider interests

involved, something of the old charm of personal attachment should be lost?

We unfortunately miss two of our Brethren who are suffering just now from domestic trouble: their loss is irreparable, but they know that their grief is shared, as far as such grief can be shared, by their Brethren of the Odd Volumes.

It would be impossible for me to forget Brother Quaritch and all his kindness to me, and I offer no apology for naming him now: that is nothing less than a duty. Although we have differed more than once in our views upon questions affecting the interests of the Sette, I am proud to know that I have never lost his confidence and respect. He has ever been kind and considerate. If I have shown less consideration, it has been through lack of wisdom, never from lack of respect. Brother Quaritch, you have always been the fairest of opponents and the best of friends, and I shall ever value the

kind words of congratulation you were the first to offer me on my election to this office.

I still consider it one of the greatest privileges I ever enjoyed, to have acted as Vice-President to our Brother Davies. He has always been the best of advisers, and no one who knows him will be surprised when I say that I shall rely considerably upon his judgment and support during my term of office. His ability as President—his brilliant year of office—will always be matters upon which the Sette can never cease to congratulate itself.

It would be an easy and agreeable task for me to speak eulogistically of all the Brethren in turn. I have met with nothing but kindness, and a greater share of admiration than I deserve ; but if I say little upon this subject, believe me, I am not the less conscious and grateful.

And now a subject must be touched upon that would require the embodied wisdom of all preceding Presidents to express in language

incapable of misconception. It is a matter of so delicate a nature that it compels brevity, and yet not such brevity as might be taken to imply we were lacking in gratitude or were unconscious of all we owe to it. I allude to the generosity and munificence of past Presidents, culminating as it has in the memorable year of our *Pilgrim*. On more than one occasion we have been threatened from this Chair with a *régime* of Spartan simplicity, but the term was soon found to be Pickwickian and synonymous with greater magnificence and more oriental splendour than before. I have sometimes thought that surely our *Alchymist* had discovered the philosopher's stone, and imparted the secret to each President in turn! Yet, as says the poet, "Howsoe'er these things may be," Spartan simplicity will now at last be an accomplished fact; for it would be at once ridiculous and impossible for me to attempt to emulate the generosity displayed by most of our past Presidents. And now some-

thing as to my programme. I feel as others have felt, that there is apparently nothing I can do that has not already been done, and moreover done well,—in fact, as only a President of the Odd Volumes could do it. For example, the unique exhibitions of books in the years of Brothers Quaritch and Davies; our Art Exhibition in Brother Edward Wyman's year, when we entertained some of the foremost of our exponents in figure and landscape painting; our musical evening in Brother Brown's year; our ever memorable dance in Brother Venables'; and, finally, our Dramatic Entertainment in Brother Holme's year. To repeat such would invite comparison, and bring disaster upon my devoted head. Imitation has never with us been accepted as the sincerest flattery. There is a traditional feeling that each President should introduce something new during his year of office, and difficult—nay, impossible as this has appeared to be, each successive President has somehow

succeeded in overcoming the difficulty,—triumphed over the impossible (a word, by the way, that no true Odd Volume is supposed to know the meaning of), and covered himself and the Sette with glory, so that we speak of dates in our history, as Brother So-and-So's year! I shall hope, aided by the chapter of accidents, and the fertile imagination of the Brethren, to be no less successful and discover something not altogether unacceptable to the Sette.

But, although I have announced a Spartan simplicity as far as creature comforts go, I can, thanks to the generous support of the Brethren, promise a feast of intellectual enjoyment; rarely, indeed, has a President been so fortunate as to be able to announce so attractive a programme of papers. I have promises of help from our *Ancient Mariner* (Brother Henry Moore), our *Mechanick* (Brother Cooke), and our *Landscape-Painter* (Brother Alfred East), and of a paper from our *Shipwright* (Brother Elgar),

or a discourse by our *Historiographer* (Brother Thompson). These notable names alone suggest a variety of subjects at once interesting and fascinating; while for my first meeting in May our *Clerke-atte-Lawe* (Brother Johnson), has promised a paper, and the reading of a story by the immortal William Makepeace Thackeray, which has been hidden for half-a-century in a periodical long defunct. The incidents connected with its remarkable discovery you will hear of anon. I may, however, be permitted to say that the only editor to whom the discovery was mentioned, immediately offered a handsome sum for the privilege of publishing it, which offer was as promptly declined by Brother Johnson, thus reserving to the Sette of Odd Volumes the honour of bringing this long hidden story to light again. By so doing he will not only lay our Sette under an obligation, but also the ever-increasing circle of Thackeray's admirers. We shall have an opportunity of expressing our

thanks to Brother Johnson later, but I mention it here as an instance of the support I have already had, and the true O. V. spirit evinced by our younger Brethren.

It is gratifying and encouraging to find our young members thus bestirring themselves to win distinction in the ranks of our Sette. They make the duties of the President a source of pleasure to him, and enable him to look with confidence upon the trials inevitably incident to his reign. I shall thus be enabled to carry out what I consider to be the most important duty that falls to the lot of the President: viz., to continue our record as a Printing Society. We have already made history, and your President is under a solemn obligation to not only maintain our position, but to advance. Nevertheless, I may tell you, Brethren, I am strongly inclined to conviviality, and particularly to mutual admiration, and to those amongst you who will supplement my efforts to supply you with music

and recitations, I shall be deeply indebted. Moreover, as a dining society, I would not curtail the chief feature of our dinners: namely, the individual introduction of our guests. We recognize to the full the solemn rights and obligations of hospitality, so fully laid down by our late Brother Cornelius Walford, and we like to know the friends of the Brethren, and meet at the festive board our favourite writer, actor, or painter. We have a becoming pride in bringing together distinguished workers in the fields of Science, Literature, and Art; and we are not forgetful of the fact that no small share of our fame arises from association with our guests. We confess no politics, and have no limit to our admiration and respect for the aristocracy of intellect. Those who have dined with us once are glad to dine again and again: and, as Mr. Oscar Wilde once aptly put it, we have an ever-increasing circle of "Dining Members."

I shall detain you but a few minutes longer,

while I express my satisfaction and thanks for the wise selection you have made in the officers elected to serve with me. In my Vice-President, Brother Wilfrid Ball, I have a man after my own heart. I know him to be good and true, and *we all* know him to have proved himself a rare Odd Volume. Some philosopher has said that "one must have travelled with a man to know him!" Well, I have travelled and worked together with my Vice-President, and the experience and memory of those days would alone make us—as I believe they have made us—friends for life.

If there be one Brother more than another who has won the heart of the Sette, it is my Secretary, Brother Manning. Never was a truer Odd Volume in spirit and in act; ever willing to help—ever ready with a kindly word, and prompt to do a generous action. We one and all admire him for his abilities, and esteem him for his character. The office he has paid me the com-

ent of accepting is a laborious and exacting

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ay rest assured that to no more conscient-
or gifted Brother could we have intrusted
important office.

electing Brother Lane to the responsible
: of Master of the Ceremonies, we have
ulted the dignity of the Sette, and the com-
of our guests. It is a delicate and important
, requiring a wide knowledge of men and
ms. It may be necessary for your President
and again to send verbal messages in their
vernacular to any distinguished foreign guest
may happen to be dining with us, and as
ave been favoured with the company of
ese, Greeks, Hindoos, and gentlemen from
andwich Islands, it will be seen that Brother
's office is at once a delicate and important

also consider myself fortunate in retaining

Brother Edward Wyman as our Treasurer. I cannot say it is a thankless office, inasmuch as the Sette, at our last meeting, passed so hearty a vote of thanks to him for his good services.

It would be impossible for me to conclude without paying a tribute of admiration and gratitude to our out-going President, Brother Holme. Only the Brethren can know how much we owe to him. He came into office at a time when there was, unfortunately, not only a difference of opinion, but a distinct rupture in the Sette. There existed, for the first time in the History of the Sette, two parties, both believing themselves to be acting for, and in the interests of, the Society. The crisis was a grave one, and Brother Holme's absence abroad while it was acute, placed him in the enviable position of a neutral mind. Never have we passed through such a dangerous period, but owing to our *Pilgrim's* judicious ruling, his tact, his firmness and good temper, we are now again a united

brotherhood. He may be proud indeed to know that no President has smoothed away so many difficulties—removed more misunderstandings, or effected more reconciliations. He has completed his great pilgrimage, the Mecca of his life has been seen, and he retires with honour and respect to his seat amongst the Immortals, to be known in O. V. History as the peace-making President. Could any man have a more acceptable tribute paid to him?

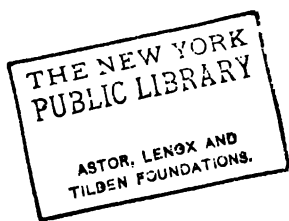
Now, in my turn, I gird up my loins to travel along an unknown road, and I cherish a hope that I may not too often hear it said, "Here's a stranger coming down the road : let's heave half a brick at him." I would rather hear revived the cry so dreaded by the landscape-painter,— "Come on, Billy ! here's another painter chap ! Let's follow him !" There is no need for me to recapitulate that which has been pointed out over and over again. No matter how brilliant or gifted a President might be, he cannot

command success. It can only be won by the efforts and support of the Brethren. I have undertaken a great responsibility, and it must needs be an anxious time. I shall have but one thought—one ambition—to keep the Sette united, and leave it so to my successor. If with your help I succeed, I shall rise at the end of my short official life a proud and happy man.





Le
Roi est
Mort. Vive
Le Roi.



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The ever-popular toast, always of first importance at every Odd Volume Feast and Festival, was proposed by His Oddship in terms of concentrated essence of loyalty, and he called upon one and all to drink to Her Majesty the Queen.

According to the time-honoured custom the Brethren introduced their guests, and the President, in happily chosen phraseology proposed the toast of "Our Guests," coupling with it the names of Mr. Thiselton Dyer and Mr. George Elkington.

Mr. Dyer said that he was puzzled whether to address the members of the Sette as gentlemen, or brethren. In either case, he felt much pleasure in being present and seeing so many pleasant faces around him, and he now fully understood why Mr. Bernard Quaritch was so ardent an admirer and greedy collector of Odd Volumes.

Mr. George Elkington was delighted to assist in returning thanks for the guests, and stated

confidentially that, having come under the spell of the *Necromancer*, whose magic pen had conveyed to him the invitation, he had found it impossible to resist the appeal. He commented on the beauty of the line engraving of William Shakespeare that night presented to the Sette by the artist Mr. Sherborn, and said that he could not help feeling that when the Poet of all time made Prospero, Duke of Milan, speak of

“The Volumes which he loved above his Dukedom,”

they must have been without any doubt whatever—*Odd Volumes*.

Brother Quaritch now approached the President, Brother Holme, and remarked that by a singular circumstance each President had surpassed his predecessor in ability and every amiable quality, and he dwelt upon the tact and discretion which had marked his reign, and that during his term of office, the artistic and literary elements of the Sette had been developed to an

extent hitherto unexampled, and that the privately printed *Opuscula* which had been issued to the Sette would become standard books of reference in the remote future.

He further stated that he was deputed as the senior member of the Sette, and one of its founders, to offer a souvenir of regard and affection on the completion of arduous duties splendidly performed, of princely liberality unostentatiously displayed, and which included a Drama by the *Bard*, inspired by the *Pilgrim* his Oddship himself.

Brother Quaritch then added in the name of the Sette :

“Knowing that you have a sense of artistic feeling, knowing that you have a poetical mind, we present you with this copy of Mr. Locker’s well-known and highly appreciated verse, a privately printed book, ‘London Lyrics, 1881,’ bound with elaborate floral borders and decorations. Please receive the volume in our name,

and may it descend to your family as an heirloom, and may you always remember the glorious period of your being our President."

The President made a most feeling reply to this address, stating that he should value this book above all his other possessions, not only for its intrinsic merit, but as a reminder of the many happy times spent with the Brethren, and of the cordial support he had received from one and all during his very happy term of office.

He then, according to custom, read his Valedictory Address, and elicited a hearty round of long-sustained applause on the termination of his eloquent farewell.

Brother Lane, *Bibliographer*, communicated to the Sette the receipt of a valuable present from Dr. Garnett of the British Museum. It was his latest work, entitled "The Twilight of the Gods," which he wished to be placed in the Archives, until the happy time arrived when the Sette should possess a book-case.

Mr. C. W. Sherborn, the eminent engraver, also presented to the Sette of Odd Volumes his fine emblematic portrait of Shakespeare. Your Secretary would here parenthetically remark that he has had this beautiful specimen of the engraver's art mounted and framed, as a friendly warning to others of artistic power and liberal instincts, who may wish to add to the Odd Volume Gallery of Art.

The President directed that Dr. Garnett should be thanked for his kind and considerate gift.

The President then called upon the *Necromancer* (using no more force than was necessary to overcome his constitutional modesty) to perform the part of the *Herald* (who was unfortunately absent) and to read the three Proclamations.

The extemporized *Herald* declaimed the time-honoured Proclamations from the ancient parchments in an exceeding loud voice, President, Vice-President and Secretary listening to his

admonitions with rapt attention. The last-named of those three officers remarked that the *Necromancer* dwelt with special emphasis upon the injunction that the new Secretary must without fear or favour report of events as they occurred, and in obedience to that command he takes this early opportunity of informing the Sette that the *Necromancer* left those three important documents, unloved and uncared for on a side table in this apartment, in close proximity to an empty soda-water bottle, and a tall tumbler—also empty. At least, there your Secretary found them late in the evening, long after the *Necromancer* was presumably in bed, and when even the married Brethren had departed to their virtuous homes.

The new President, Brother George Charles Haité, *Art Critic*, was then led to the Presidential Chair by Brother Holme, who decorated him with the Presidential Badge (artistically designed by the wearer himself), and welcomed him in the

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name of the Sette. He felt sure that he would do honour to his new position, and that he would find the Chair a bed of roses and adorn it.

Brother Wilfrid Ball, *Painter-Etcher*, was announced as Vice-President.

Brother William Manning, *Seer*, was announced as Secretary.

The President then with much feeling delivered his Inaugural Address, which in due course will be in the hands of the Brethren, but it must be here recorded that with his eye—or rather both of them—in a fine frenzy rolling, he acknowledged the honour which he felt had been paid him, and which more than satisfied his fondest aspirations.

Brother Ball as Vice-President, and Brother Manning as Secretary, acknowledged with evident emotion their sense of the honour done to them by the Sette, in appointing them to posts of such great importance.

The President lamented that one of his first

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duties partook of a melancholy character, as he had to ask for a vote of condolence with one of the Brethren who had lately sustained a great domestic affliction, and he called upon the *Historiographer* to move a vote of sympathy with Brother Clulow, the *Xylographer*, on the recent death of his wife.

Brother Thompson eloquently moved that the Sette should send a message of sincere sympathy to our absent Brother, assuring him of the unanimous feeling of sorrow entertained by one and all under the heavy affliction with which he had been visited; and the vote was carried by acclamation.

Brother Allen made a brief announcement which he thought would be interesting to one member of the Sette, and that was, that he had only last week recovered a copy of his "*Codex Chiromantiæ*," which he generously, and uninfluenced by considerations of filthy lucre, forthwith promised to give to the writer of these Minutes to enable him to complete his Sette of *Opuscula*.

The President alluded to the presence among our honoured guests of Mr. Herbert Ward, and invited that gentleman to tell the company any short story which could throw light on darkest Africa.

Mr. Herbert Ward willingly complied, and among other things related how once in his travels he was the only white man among thousands of savages, and how when endeavouring to procure food for himself and followers he offered Manchester fabrics, which were rejected as being of no value to tribes who despised linen as coverings for their bodies, preferring the questionable opacity of glass beads for the rather doubtful concealment of their various charms.

The President mentioned the last *Opusculum* on "Blue and White China," by our most worthy Brother Hollingsworth, the *Artificer*, and that this was the second occasion on which his generous gift had been bestowed upon guests. Brother Quaritch endorsed all that had been

said with regard to the rare beauty of the work, and traced the history of the Sette's *Opuscula* from its initiation by Brother Charles Wyman to the present day, when the latest was also the most precious of the entire series.

Brother Hollingsworth responded to the kind speeches of the two preceding Brethren, and paid a generous compliment to Brother Orrock, who had assisted him so liberally on the evening of his paper, and had enabled him to make still more attractive that magnificent collection of family jars.

The health of the Ex-President was proposed by the President, that of the President by the Vice-President Brother Ball, supported by Brother Thompson, and finally the President returned thanks in eloquent terms, toasting Brother Ball as Vice-President, and thanking him for his delightful etching of the "Pilgrim's Rest," or "Holme's Sweet Home," which adorned the menu of the evening, and wound up his oration with a fine peroration of strong determination to

stand fast by the grand old watchword of the
Odd Volumes :

“Conviviality and Mutual Admiration.”



II.

MAY DAY, 1891.

*The 136th Meeting of the Sette of Odd Volumes, held at
Limmer's Hotel, May 1st, 1891. His Oddship Brother
G. C. Hailé, the Art Critic, in the Chair.*

A brilliant company assembled at the hour
appointed for the Reception, and the President
and Brethren had to leave their guests to take
care of themselves during the initiation of
Brother Villiers, the latest addition to the Sette.

The mysteries and rites attending that ceremony may not be recorded in writing, but your

Secretary is permitted to remark that when the Ordeal Chamber was reached the waiters were expelled, the doors closed, and the solemnities commenced.

Brother Allen, the *Necromancer*, having found the Lost Chords, presided at the piano,

“And the Quaritch Hymn was heard the while
Sung low in the dim mysterious aisle.”

Thus entered into the Fraternity the newly-born Brother Frederic Villiers, *War Correspondent* to the Sette of Odd Volumes.

On the return of the Brethren to the reception room the guests were found to be in happy accord one with another, and in a moment afterwards glided cheerfully after the President into the Banqueting-Hall, where, after grace, and in the words of the Thackeray menu, “Down kem the company to dinner and set to it like good 'uns.”

During the repast the President observed the ancient custom of graciously and gracefully

taking wine with the guests and drinking the health of Her Majesty the Queen.

Then followed the introduction of guests, and never before had the Sette of Odd Volumes been so plentifully interleaved with men of mark and distinction in Art, Literature, and Science.

The President proposed the health of the guests, and coupled with the toast the names of Sir Alfred Garrod and Professor William Carruthers.

Sir Alfred Garrod responded, wondering why he was called upon to say anything in a Society one of whose rules was that no member should speak upon any subject which he understood. Still, he could heartily thank the Sette for their hospitality to their guests.

Professor Carruthers said he felt much trepidation when asked to reply for the guests, wondering how he should address the honourable Society, for he remembered having once dined with a Scientific Society rejoicing in the title of

the "Red Lions," whose mode of expressing dissent during a speech was by growling and roaring, when Sir Richard Owen, having addressed his hearers as "Gentlemen" was assailed with such a babel of sounds of a zoological character, that at last, addressing the Society as "fellow brutes," he instantly gained their goodwill and the applause of the company. So now, finding that he need not call the Odd Volumes by any such technical titles as "Beloved Morroccos," "Sweet Russias," or "Paper Covers," he boldly expressed the great pleasure their visit to the Sette had given to himself and fellow guests.

The President remarking on the interesting fact that the distinguished Father of a distinguished Brother was present, proposed the health of Dr. George Johnson, which was drunk with genuine enthusiasm.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were then read by the Secretary and confirmed.

The President in a few happily chosen words further excited the interest of all by his anticipations respecting the discovery made by Brother Johnson, *Clerke-atte-Lawe*, adding, that it would redound to the honour and glory of the Sette that one of its members had not only unearthed and disinterred a forgotten story by Thackeray, but had presented it to the Sette as a most valuable *Opusculum*.

Brother Johnson then rose amid enthusiastic cheering, and to the delight of all read the greater part of the long-looked for, long-lost story entitled

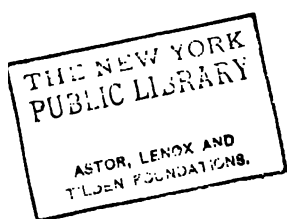
“Reading a Poem,”

which he had succeeded in recovering from the pages of the “*Britannia*” of May 1, 1841 (just fifty years ago), and on the conclusion of his reading he presented guests and Brethren with a copy of the latest and therefore most valued of all the Odd Volume *Opuscula*.

Inviting comments upon the paper, his Odd-



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ship called upon Brother Quaritch, when the *Librarian*, trying his best but utterly failing to look sad, told a really comic story of his being "done" by a certain Edward Fitz-Gerald, a confirmed kleptomaniac, who bore a very striking resemblance to another Edward Fitz-Gerald of noble character, the latter being a great friend of Thackeray. When the kleptomaniac visited the *Librarian* he committed certain ravages upon certain odd volumes and certain perfect settes, leaving empty spaces on the shelves; and upon telling Mr. Thackeray this anecdote the great novelist was highly amused, and said he would work this episode well up, and weave the *Librarian* and the thief into his next book.

Brother Heron-Allen imparted a little story just related to him by Mr. Rudolph Lehmann, that on his meeting Thackeray in 1859 in Rome he said, "I learnt English from reading 'Vanity Fair,'" "and I," said Thackeray, "learnt English in writing it."

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Mr. Richmond Ritchie, while giving his opinion as to why Thackeray had not reproduced this paper himself, expressed the very great interest which the Recovered Story had produced in his mind.

Brother Thompson, the *Historiographer*, said that he esteemed the honour great indeed of being associated in any way with that shining light of the humorous literature of the nineteenth century, William Makepeace Thackeray; but his duty to-night was more with Johnson than Thackeray, and during his speech he elicited loud cheers when he declared that Brother Johnson had exhibited true Odd Volume spirit in what he had done that night, for that every honest Odd Volume desired to bring not only credit but pleasure to the Sette. He concluded by thanking Brother Johnson most heartily and in the name of the Sette for his charming gift, which would form a most valuable *Opusculum*. The President invited Dr. H. Carrington

Bolton, from the United States of America, to address the Sette, and that greatly distinguished scientist expressed the pleasure the evening had afforded him, and divided his thanks between the Sette and his friend Professor Silvanus Thompson for introducing him.

Brother Davies, the learned *Attorney-General*, seconded the vote of thanks to Brother Johnson, to which Brother Johnson responded, and with marked modesty, and said he had been incited by someone else to this discovery, and wished that the real instigator were present that the mask might have been torn from his face.

The President proposed the toast of Literature, coupling with it the name of Mr. Norman MacColl, who briefly but eloquently responded, and referred to the presence of Mr. Blackmore, and said that among the works of living authors none would be more destined to immortality than "Lorna Doone."

His Oddship next proposed the toast of

Science, to which Professor Crookes replied that at the end of a banquet which he called magnificent, and the relics of which remained on the table, he should address the company by a chemical symbol, "Perissads," meaning bodies whose capacity for saturation was very odd.

The next toast proposed by the President was Art.

First in responding was Mr. Alma Tadema, R.A., who charmed all hearers by the simplicity of his manner and by the intensity of his admiration for Art. While regretting his inability to give full expression to his feelings in speech, he referred his hearers to his other mode of talking, with his hands, on the walls of exhibitions. Many had tried to explain the power of Art or to answer the question, What is Art? He had never had a better reply than was contained in a line by a Scotch lady friend, and which he had written over his door,

"As the Sun colours Flowers, so Art colours Life."

Mr. Edwin Long, R.A., in further reply to this toast, expressed himself as highly gratified with his evening, and in his most genial manner laughingly excused himself from making a longer speech.

Brother Villiers, the *War Correspondent*, was then called upon to make an Initiation Speech in accordance with ancient custom. To the surprise of all he made a most peaceful oration, and received a truly brotherly greeting. He marked his entry into the Sette by presenting it with a very odd volume indeed, consisting of twenty-one odd leaves written in Kali, from the library of King Theebaw of Burma.

The Rev. Canon Harford, prevented by illness from being present, sent a letter to the Sette and begged its acceptance of a copy of his "Epigrammatica," to be placed among the Archives. A letter of thanks was sent to the Canon for his gift. Brother Murrell, the *Leech*, also made a contribution to the Odd Volume gallery

of Art, his own portrait elegantly framed, for which the thanks of the Sette are hereby and herewith tendered.

Brother Lane announced the gift of a book from Mr. Jacobi "On the Making and Issuing of Books." It is now awaiting the book-case so fondly dreamt of by Odd Volume Secretaries past and present, especially present.

Brother Holme as pro tem. Vice-President toasted the President, and his Oddship toasted Brother Holme, till mutual admiration could no farther go, every Brother lamenting that the Vice-President Brother Wilfrid Ball was prevented by domestic bereavement from being present.

And so, with many expressions of goodwill, everybody grasped the hand of everybody else; and shortly before midnight even the echoes of merry voices had died away, and the glorious May Day Meeting of 1891 became an event of the very pleasant past!

III.

THE GUNPOWDER EVENING.

The 137th Meeting of the Settle of Odd Volumes, held at the Criterion on Friday, June 5th, 1891. His Oddship Brother Hailt, the Art Critic, in the Chair.

The *War Correspondent's* evening commenced with projectiles. Brethren and Guests were shot up the Criterion lift with marvellous precision, and none missed the mark or Prince's Suite, where they arrived in excellent time and in full fighting order, and were graciously received and greeted by the President and his valued Master of the Ceremonies, Brother Lane, the *Bibliographer*.

The military element was in the ascendant, and the President catching the infection, marched like a victorious general at the head of his battalions into the Banqueting-Hall, where a fierce attack upon the elements of refreshment immediately followed, and dish after dish was taken by assault. During the action the President

took wine with the Guests, and the health of the Queen was then drunk with enthusiasm by perhaps the most representative assembly ever gathered together to do honour to the Sette of Odd Volumes.

The Army was there, the Navy, the Church, the Stage, and the auxiliary forces were splendidly *en evidence* in the persons of Col. Brother Venables, the *Antiquary*, and Corporal Brother Hamilton, the *Parodist*, two excellent specimens of fighting Odd Volumes, each being decorated with a dazzling eye-glass.

On someone remarking that there was a smell of powder in the air, the President, with ever-ready wit, gave the word of command to "Smoke," which made the illusion perfect.

The President then in feeling terms alluded to the presence at our previous meeting of Mr. Edwin Long, R.A., who was then in apparent health and spirits, but who had succumbed after a few days' illness to the prevailing epidemic.

His Oddship further asked for a vote of condolence with Brother Goode, the *Potter*, who had sustained the gravest domestic calamity in the death of his wife. The vote, carried by acclamation, was duly forwarded by the Secretary with appropriate expressions of sympathy on behalf of the Sette.

The *Magnetizer*, Brother Silvanus Thompson's illness was alluded to with much sympathy, and Odd Volume sorrow was quenched by Odd Volume joy when it was announced that our distinguished brother had added another leaf to his crown of laurels by his latest achievement in his election as Fellow of the Royal Society.

Our late Brother Brock's resignation was read by the Secretary and most unwillingly accepted by the Sette. The President as a strong personal friend deeply regretting the severance of a tie which had existed for so long a period, and that the Sette had now lost its only *Architect*.

The guests, according to ancient custom, were

then introduced by the Brethren, and the visitors being so numerous and so greatly distinguished, made this ceremony one of unusual interest. The President, on proposing the toast of "Our Guests," called upon the Rev. C. H. Daniel, a most distinguished printer, to reply, associating with him Mr. Bancroft, another great moral teacher.

Mr. Daniel likened himself to a poor academic hermit suddenly called from the shades of university life into a scene so brilliant in all its surroundings, and crowded with men of well-known names with whom he had never expected to sit at table. Yet as an amateur and a most enthusiastic devotee of the art of printing, he felt the compliment of being asked to reply for guests so distinguished. Indeed, the *Bibliographer* had just reminded him that he was practising this art before he, the *Bibliographer*, was born (or even thought of), and Mr. Daniel concluded an eloquent address by presenting to

the library of the Sette a small book entitled "A New Sermon, or, We are Fooles." Fifty copies of this work were printed from the original MS. of the seventeenth century, numbered XXXVIII. in the library of Worcester College. The announcement of the gift was received with much cheering.

Mr. Bancroft, whose rising still kept up the military character of the evening, for was he not the hero of hundreds of engagements, in all of which he had upheld the honour of the British flag, in further reply to the toast of our guests responded most genially, and thanked his Oddship and the Brethren very cordially for himself and fellow guests for the pleasure of being present.

The President briefly explained that to-night's meeting was held at the Criterion as a regimental dinner was being celebrated at Limmer's Hotel, the Sette's own particular battlefield, but that his Oddship and his able strategist the Master of

the Ceremonies would take good care to out-manceuvre those old soldiers for the future.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were then read by the Secretary, and, as they contained some elements of truth, were confirmed by the President.

His Oddship from his strongly-entrenched position in the Presidential Chair then gave the word of command that Brother Villiers should give us his experiences entitled "A War Correspondent on actual service," and instantly our new Brother was holding his audience spell-bound with his vivid descriptions of battle both on sea and land.

For the first time in its history (or nearly so) he brought War in all its terrible reality into the Odd Volume camp. He pictured the bombardment of Alexandria with such force of language and of action too, that his audience *could all but see* Captain Lord Charles Beresford (commonly called Lord Charley) steaming on board H.M.S.

"Condor" with dispatches for H.M.S. "Inflexible," and finding himself utterly unable to endure the bombardment of Fort Marabout, whose guns he therefore completely silenced, though the "Condor" was struck but once only during the action.

Brother Villiers then described the Battle of Metammeh during the march of Sir Herbert Stewart for the relief of General Gordon. He greatly moved his audience by his vivid description of camel riding, and by his imitations of the Ship of the Desert lurching and plunging on a sea of sand, and subjecting its rider to movements no two of which were alike, but which he had carefully calculated as being 1,400 to the quarter mile.

His description of his own narrow escape from the jaws of a rapacious crocodile sent a thrill of horror through his audience, and his repugnance to forming the dessert of such a monster was manifested again, by the convulsive shudder

which agitated his own stalwart frame while he related the story. In his finest declamatory manner he concluded a thrilling discourse by describing the dispatch of boats under Sir Chas. Wilson to Khartoum, and the return of the expedition to Metammeh, where the boats arrived at night bringing the dreaded news of Gordon's fate.

The vote of thanks to Brother Villiers for his soul-stirring narrative was proposed by Brother Murrell, the *Leech*, and seconded by Brother Allen, the *Necromancer*, in eulogistic terms, and as they had both been instrumental in gaining for the Sette the distinction of having a brilliant *War Correspondent* as one of its members, they now gloried in the great success of their prognostications and the evident soundness of their own judgment, and they agreed cordially with each other in having made a very good shot indeed. Before putting the vote the President called upon Brother Holme, the *Pilgrim*, to say



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a few words respecting the excellent and exceptionally artistic menu designed by Brother Villiers.

Brother Holme said it was a positive fact that the Sette of Odd Volumes had been constantly beating its own record not only in its *Opuscula* but in its menus, the present one being really the most beautiful in design and reproduction that we had yet seen, and he proposed that the vote of thanks should be passed by acclamation.

Brother Villiers briefly but heartily acknowledged the vote, and thanked his hearers for their warm reception.

The President, still animated with martial ardour, proposed the toast of the Army coupled with the names of Col. Slade and Sir Guy Campbell.

Col. Slade felt it a great honour and compliment to have his name associated with the toast of the Army, and to see so many representatives of that noble service present, including a very

ancient Corporal, Hamilton he believed by name, who enlisted about the year 1760 or rather 1860, and who, after thirty years of active service, gloried in being still a corporal.

Sir Guy Campbell added his testimony to that of the preceding speaker in full approval of the admirable manner in which the *War Correspondent* had described the merits of the British soldier.

The *Opusculum* entitled "Scottish Witchcraft Trials," by Brother Brodie Innes, was distributed alike to Brethren and guests, and the thanks of the Sette were accorded to Brother Alderman Tyler, the *Stationer*, for his generosity in having printed and presented this valuable addition to the Odd Volume library, Brother Davies, the *Attorney-General*, gracefully conveying the gratitude of the Sette and Brother Tyler graciously responding.

As the dry historian of these monthly meetings, your Secretary is in duty bound to record

one incident of a truly interesting and picturesque character which occurred towards the close of this eventful day. It arose in this wise :

Grim-visaged war had scarcely smoothed his wrinkled front when Brother Brown, the *Alchymist*, arose and waved a flag of truce, although as usual surrounded by troops of friends. In his ever genial manner he made feeling allusion to an approaching happy event in Odd Volume life. His words were words of wisdom and made the hearts of listeners glad, for he spoke in terms of affection and regard of Brother Allen, his valued Secretary when he Brother Brown was President, and he announced to the Sette the coming marriage of the *Necromancer*.

It was a touching sight, the *Alchymist* admiring the *Necromancer*, and the *Necromancer* admiring the *Alchymist*, only more so, and it seemed but for the interposing barricade of chairs and tables they might have fallen on each other's necks and wept.

However, the health and happiness of the Bridegroom elect were most cordially drunk, and Brother Allen responded with many assurances of his regard for the Sette, and with the hope that he might not only live but die an Odd Volume.

Thus came to an end the great Gunpowder Night of the Sette of Odd Volumes. And later on, as guests and Brethren laid their heads upon their respective pillows, their dreams may perchance have been more than usually agreeable, the roar of cannon and the clash of arms being quickly succeeded by visions of connubial bliss, accompanied by the sweet and joyous harmonies of marriage bells.



IV.

PHONOGRAPH NIGHT.

The 138th Meeting of the Sette of Odd Volumes, held at Limmer's Hotel, Friday, July 3rd, 1891. His Oddship Brother G. C. Haité, the Art Critic, in the Chair.

Now these are the Clairvoyant minutes of the July Meeting, as your *Seer* and Secretary was on that joyous occasion a victim to the prevailing epidemic. He has therefore depended upon his powers of Second Sight, aided very largely by the fraternal whisperings of a little bird yclept the *Parodist*, genial Brother Hamilton.

Owing to the promise of fine weather and the general rush to holiday resorts, many of the Brethren whose valued presence usually lent lustre to the Odd Volume meetings were conspicuous by their absence. Yet the Ancient Lights of the Sette, bright and beaming, were at their posts of duty, and the July gathering, though smaller than usual, was in no degree less successful than its predecessors, for when the Presi-

dent took wine with the company it made up in tumultuous applause what it lacked in numbers.

The Brethren having introduced their guests with the usual flourish of trumpets, and the health of the Queen having been loyally received, the President called upon that distinguished American wit and journalist, Mr. Robert Barr (quite as well known as Mr. Luke Sharpe), coupling with his name that of Mr. J. S. Cotton, the gifted editor of "The Academy," to respond.

Mr. Barr commenced by calling names. He addressed his Oddship as Mr. Edition de Luxe, and he spoke of the Brethren as volumes bound in broad cloth. In a most amusing speech he told what he termed a "misfit" story, inasmuch as it had not the slightest possible connection with the occasion which had called him to his feet.

He was followed by Mr. Cotton, who expressed his pleasure and surprise upon being asked to respond for guests so distinguished. He remarked upon one of the watchwords of the



Sette, Mutual Admiration, and suggesting that as Self Admiration might be included in Odd Volume faith, he had pride in mentioning that he had that very day produced the thousandth number of the "Academy." He then convulsed even the gravest of the brethren by some anecdotes of editorial troubles and experiences. He added his thanks to those of the previous speaker for the reception of the toast of the guests.

The President then referred to the absence of the Secretary, and made certain kind remarks behind that Brother's back which are duly recorded as by Presidential command, but which cannot be read aloud, but for which the convalescent is duly and most truly grateful.

Your Secretary's Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Brother Hamilton, the *Parodist*, who with true Odd Volume generosity, undertook that duty at a minute's notice, and by interspersing flashes of wit with the very dry

matter he had to deal with, induced his Oddship not only to confirm but to sign the original MS.

The President then referred with his usual eloquence to the election of Brother Tyler, the *Stationer*, as one of the Sheriffs of the City of London, and to the election of Brother Silvanus Thompson, the *Magnetizer*, to the high distinction of a Fellow of the Royal Society, predicting greater honours yet in the near future for these already distinguished Brethren, and offering them the congratulations of the Sette.

Brother Venables, the *Antiquary*, briefly, but with his customary incisive emphasis, acknowledged the compliment paid to his "dear old friend George Tyler."

Brother Silvanus said that he thought the highest honour that had yet overtaken him was his election as an Odd Volume, compared with which his late distinction was a mere trifle.

At this period of the evening the sentiment of Mutual Admiration subsided in favour of

Conviviality, when Mr. Fred Upton, an ever welcome guest, recited with marvellous rapidity a three (of course Odd) Volume novel. The more mercurial of the brethren were delighted with its contents, possibly from the fact that there was no moral whatever connected with the story.

Mr. Elliott Langworth sang "Long, long ago," accompanied on the pianoforte by a single odd lady, Miss Fergusson, an event hitherto unknown in the very wildest revels of the Sette. The singer was loudly applauded, and the accompanist received a perfect O. V.-ation.

The startling event of the evening was a surprise carefully prepared by the President, Mr. Edison's recently perfected Phonograph.

A cylinder was produced into which his Oddship the President, the Past Presidents and the Brethren generally, were requested to speak, so that not only in December but in future ages, future Odd Volumes might hear the identical tones and utterances of the great ones of the

Sette who had preceded them, for it will be handed down by your generous President as his especial gift, an Odd Volume of sound.

Colonel Gouraud, the representative of Mr. Edison in this country, then gave an elaborate and exhaustive description of the instrument, tracing its history since its invention, thirteen years ago, when it startled the scientific world.

The Colonel and Miss Fergusson then conducted the experiments, and the machine not only reproduced with marvellous precision the voices and words uttered by others, but received a voluminous supply of O. V. small talk which was bottled up for future use. Yes :

Odd Volumes spoke ! spoke words you'd scarcely credit !
But what they said or even how they said it,
Your Scribe may not divulge. For why ? Odds blow it !
Your Secretary doesn't even know it !
But Time no doubt will shortly give the history,
Of Oddship Haite's phonographic mystery !
Each phrase, each accent, and each thought sublime
Will be revealed at Merry Christmas time.

Finally, when the usual well-buttered toasts had been passed by the pro tem. Vice-President to the President and *vice-versâ*, the excitement of Phonograph Night gradually died away, and shortly before midnight the Brethren slowly and reluctantly broke up for the summer holidays.

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MEMORANDUM—Friday, July 3rd, 1891 :

At this meeting a Resolution to the following effect was proposed by his Oddship and carried by Acclamation.

“That the *Parodist* be, and is hereby requested to convey to Brother Manning the most sincere expressions of regret felt by the Sette for the illness which deprives them of the society of their *Seer* and Secretary.

The Sette rejoice to learn that Brother Manning is now convalescent, and hope that he may speedily regain perfect health and strength.

The Sette desire that this expression of their

esteem and regard for their Secretary should appear on the Minutes as a testimony of their high appreciation of his true Odd Volume qualities."



V.

AUTOMATA NIGHT.

The 139th Meeting of the Sette of Odd Volumes, held at Limmer's Hotel, Friday, November 6th, 1891. His Oddship Brother G. C. Haité, the Art Critic, in the Chair.

Now these are the doubly distilled concentrated quintessence Minutes of the last Meeting of the Sette, and are imparted to this Assembly in strict Odd Volume confidence.

Before dinner the first election of a member took place under the new by-laws, and to the

astonishment of Brother Davies, the learned *Attorney-General*, the author of the said rules, it passed off without a faction-fight, probably owing to the fact that Brother Venables, the *Antiquary* and peace preserver was keeping a keen eye upon the voters and the ballot box. At the end of the electoral struggle Mr. Marcus B. Huish was declared duly elected a member of the Sette.

When dinner was announced there was a general exodus from the reception room to the Banqueting-Hall, his Oddship being surrounded by a brilliant company, attracted not only by the widely known magnetic properties of the Sette, but by the anticipation of a paper on "Automata Old and New," which was to be read by Brother Conrad Cooke, the *Mechanick*, with a *k*.

After the usual loyal toast of Her Majesty the Queen the Brethren introduced their guests, and as all were so distinguished there was a natural

rivalry in the choice of words in which to do real justice to the merits and charms of individual visitors.

In responding to the toast of "Our Guests," Mr. Hatton of Montreal was the first to reply, and he was eloquently seconded by Mr. H. E. A. Eyres, H.M. Consul at Damascus, both of whom expressed unfeigned pleasure in being in such delightful society.

The second-sight Minutes of the previous meeting were then read by the Secretary and confirmed by the President.

The Secretary also announced various gifts to the Sette, Brother Todhunter, the *Bard*, presenting *folium* No. 2, entitled "Proud Maisie," a beautiful reproduction of the work of Mr. Frederick Sandys, and intended for the folio instituted by the late President, Brother Holme, the *Pilgrim*.

Brother Brodie-Innes, the *Master of the Rolls*, presented two of his works, a four act play en-

titled "Thomas à Becket," and "The legends of leading cases, or Law and Laughter," and it was a revelation to the Sette that there could possibly be a laughing side to legal subjects, especially as the cases referred to were mostly Scotch. Brother Silvanus the *Magnetizer* presented three of his works to the Odd Volume library, and although these valued books were highly charged with electricity, they contained nothing to shock even the elder and therefore the more sensitive of the Brethren.

A vote of condolence on his recent accident and of congratulation on his approaching convalescence was passed, and duly forwarded to our gifted Brother Henry Moore, the *Ancient Mariner*, and as his Oddship told the simple but eloquent story of his visit to his afflicted Brother, the Sette descended from its pedestal of hilarity, and exhibited those emotions which are dictated by a spirit of true fraternity.

Brother Todhunter, the *Bard*, then handed

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in a quaint and powerfully plaintive Petition for a change of title, praying that henceforward he might be known among his Brethren as *Playwright* to the Sette. This is the first authenticated instance of a Poet praying to be dis-*Bard*.

His Oddship took three Odd seconds to consider this grave appeal, and remembering "How dreams come true," and anticipating many other services to be performed by our learned Brother under his new title, graciously granted the Petition, the costs to be borne by the Sette.

Brother Cooke now ascended the Odd Volume rostrum, and was received with true fraternal cheers as he commenced his elaborate paper on "Automata Old and New." It was apparent at the outset that he had, so to speak, ransacked the centuries in search of information on this most interesting topic. He told his hearers of the earliest references to Automata; that they were spoken of in the "Iliad," and that in the year 400 B.C. Archytas of Tarentum made

wooden pigeon which could fly, and that in the year 150 B.C. Hero of Alexandria, who was the inventor of the siphon, syringe, fire engine, steam engine, self-trimming lamp, blow-pipe, and fountain, was without doubt the first promoter of the Chocolate-Cream-Automatic-put-a-penny-in-the-slot-punctual-delivery-Company.

This he demonstrated clearly by his charming illustrations depicting a machine of this character, which delivered perfume to the public on receipt of the coin of that period dropped through a slit provided for the purpose. It would be unfair to pick all the plums from Brother Cooke's pudding, which will be shortly served up again for the benefit of the Sette of Odd Volumes, and it is sufficient to remark that a more laboriously constructed and splendidly illustrated discourse has never before been declaimed to the Brethren.

Mr. Maskelyne, who had travelled all the way from the Egyptian Hall of mirth and mystery to

be present at the reading, was asked by the President to speak a few words on this subject, in which he has so long out-rivalled all living automatists.

Mr. Maskelyne expressed himself delighted with the paper, and said he had learned much that night on the work of the Ancients. He had been interested nearly his whole life in the construction of mechanical mysteries, and it was gathered from his remarks that these pets of his creation not only engaged his attention all day, but kept him awake all night.

Brother Quaritch, the *Librarian*, paid an eloquent tribute to the reader of the paper and said that automata were the playthings of great minds, and that they had frequently been the fore-runners of mighty inventions which had helped to increase the material comfort of the world. He considered Brother Cooke was a mechanic of the highest type, and a true disciple of the ancient architects of the Pyramids and Obelisks.

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CONRAD · VV · COOKE · *Mechanick.*

· HERE ARRANGED BY BROTHER CONRAD COOKE ·
Mechanick.

He moved a hearty vote of thanks to his worthy Brother for the intellectual treat he had provided for his hearers.

Brother Thompson, the *Historiographer*, seconded the proposal, and intimated that he had greatly enjoyed the personally conducted tour of Messrs. Cooke and Son, the latter's management of the lime-light being extremely brilliant.

Brother Ball, the *Painter-Etcher*, commented upon the beauty of the menu, and accorded it high praise as a work of art. Your Secretary has forgotten to state that the appropriate design had been the work of Brother Cooke's own hand, and although it seems natural that a Cooke should prepare a menu (which he acknowledged had been dished up from old plates of which he possesses a unique collection), yet it reflects great honour upon the Sette as a whole that it counts among its members a *Mechanick* who is also a Menu-facturer.

Brother Cooke, the *Mechanick*, made a feeling

and serio-comic reply, which justified his old title of *Jester*—though, since he has become a worker, he has abandoned the indefensible habit of playing, especially on words—and he thanked the Sette and guests from the bottom of his heart for their generous appreciation of his efforts and those of his good son, who had exhibited his many illustrations of the lecture.

Brother Douglas Gordon, the *Remembrancer*, tendered the thanks of the Sette to Brother Allen, the *Necromancer*, for the charming *Opusculum* XXVIII. entitled, "The Ballades of a Blasé Man," which had been presented to the Brethren on the occasion of the most happy of the many happy events in the *Necromancer's* life. These dainty lyrics contained some rondeaux relating to the rejuvenescence of the Blasé man, and the latter portion of this elegant work possesses the keenest interest for the Sette, as it is apparent to all that their Brother keeps getting younger and younger, a psycho-physiological

problem which makes the Brethren wonder what will be the final result, and whether the *Necromantic* vanishing point will some day be reached, and if so, when?

The *Necromancer* would have made a longer reply, but complained that Brothers Cooke, Quaritch, and Gordon had consumed all the adjectives that were usually available in that historic room ; but he was still enabled to say that he was very glad that his work had been appreciated, adding in tones of ill-concealed emotion :

“For you to read this little book was made,”—

(See page 72 in the Book.)

But now occurred an event in the evening's history which must be handed down to the ages. Three strokes of the gavel caused the attention of the Brethren to be riveted upon his Oddship. Then was seen the Presidential badge rising and falling upon the broad expanse of the Presidential breast, and the Presidential eye flashed forth fierce fires fraught with fraternal significance.

More slowly than is his custom at first, but soon warming into fervid and impassioned eloquence, his Oddship announced to the wonder-stricken Brethren that the December meeting would be graced by the presence of ladies. Then arose a babel of sound. A wild enthusiasm seized the Brethren. Fraternity was rampant. Even the astonished guests joined in the epidemic of applause, and it was long before the President, assisted by the dynamic forces of the Master of the Ceremonies, Brother Lane, the *Bibliographer*, could so subdue this tempest of excitement as to announce the particulars of the promised Carnival.

The usual highly-spiced toasts were then flung with reckless extravagance to and fro from Mr. President to Mr. Vice, and lastly the Brethren and guests embraced each other with many a fond adieu, and went their respective ways, some mechanically, some automatically, but all steadily, oh yes, to their expectant families. And your

poor scribe, somehow confusing his identity
with that of the *Parodist*, murmured to himself
as he trudged homewards on that damp November
night, ever thinking of the Ladies' Banquet,

O woman in our hour O.V.'s,
So slow to anger, quick to please,
When these Odd Minutes wring the brow,
A patient listening angel thou !



VI.

LADIES' BANQUET AND CONVERSAZIONE.

*The 140th Meeting of the Settle of Odd Volumes, held at
the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, on Friday,
December 4th, 1891. His Oddship Brother G. C.
Haité, the Art Critic, in the Chair.*

These are the shortest Chronicles that ever

were of the longest evening that ever was, and are the Minutes of the *Great Annual Festival* of the *Sette of Odd Volumes*, a brief but accurate record of the events that then occurred. The Feast is one called movable; and had not only moved from summer to winter, but also to the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole, from the usual meeting-place of the Sette, Limmer's Hotel.

At six-thirty of the clock a quorum of Odd Volumes assembled to initiate the newest, and therefore the most punctual, of the Brethren; and although the usual formulæ of initiation were observed, the subject of the ancient and time-honoured rites seemed none the worse for the mysterious ceremonies, and issued forth from the ordeal chamber with a complacent smile upon his face, the long-coveted badge upon his breast, a prouder and a happier *Arts-man* than had ever yet been known.

Before seven of the clock the Ladies and Gen-

tllemen of the Committee, the working bees of the Odd Volume hive, had assembled to support the President, and from his gracious hand the fairer members had received a choice bouquet of dazzling whiteness, while the *Necromancer* had mysteriously produced without any visible apparatus, five lovely fans, each inscribed with the autographs of the members of the Sette, in whose name he presented to each lady of Committee this elegant souvenir of an evening which was already historic.

By seven-thirty of the clock a brilliant company had gathered together, and punctually to the minute his Oddship and his charming consort glided to the Banqueting-Hall, where they were quickly surrounded by a group of delighted guests, which for numbers had never been surpassed, and for beauty had never been equalled, even at an Odd Volume Festival.

His Oddship, strictly bent on business, soon took wine with the guests, and quickly followed

with the first toast, "Her Majesty the Queen," and the joyful and unanimous response showed the undoubted loyalty of the company.

The *Historiographer*, Brother W. M. Thompson, then declaimed an Ode specially written for this occasion at the urgent request of the Committee, and as the poem breathed the spirit of true fraternity, it was received as a very Thompsonian seasonable addition to the other good things at the table, and was instantly distributed to Brethren and guests alike, the M. C. Brother Lane, greatly distinguishing himself by rapid running and quick delivery. The usual introduction of guests followed in quick succession, and were remarkable for their eloquence and brevity combined.

His Oddship then proposed "Our Visitors," to which Mr. Whitmore, M.P. and Mr. Richmond Ritchie made delightfully happy responses, and rejoiced that to-night at any rate brevity was to be the soul of wit.

The toast of the evening, "The Ladies," was intrusted to the loving care of the *Necromancer*, Brother Allen; and as so old a married man he descanted right eloquently on their charms and virtues, and astonished some of the matter-of-fact Brethren by stating that "Ladies had floated the rose-leaf on the brimming cup of human joy," a figure of speech which none dared dispute, and he called upon "that flower of Bachelorhood our *Clerke-atte-Lawe*, Brother Johnson," to follow on the same side, by returning thanks.

Brother Johnson was instantly upon his feet, and argumentatively, logically and convincingly proved, that ladies were by no means to be regarded as dumb animals, although he acquiesced with pleasure in the request that he should speak for them. So admirably did he conduct their case that the remark went round the table that a speaker so singularly able should be so singularly single.

The Minutes were then read by the Secretary,

and the President tendered his best thanks to the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee for their indefatigable efforts in organizing the arrangements of this the proudest day but one in his life.

He then thanked Brother W. M. Thompson for the Ode; Brother Todhunter, the *Playwright*, for his charming verse of welcome on the dinner-card; Mrs. Seymour Lucas for the illustration which made it beautiful for ever; Mr. Bernard Partridge for the most appropriate Menu, with its quaint "table of meats;" and Mr. Rickets for the sweet illustration on the *Conversazione* tickets.

Our new Brother's health was then cordially drunk by the Brethren, and after an artistic reply from the *Arts-man*, Brother Huish, Brother Ball, as V. P., toasted his Oddship, and in his exuberance of fraternal regard nearly said too much about a certain festive occasion, when those two sedate Brethren were keeping somebody's birthday in a foreign land.

His Oddship laughingly forgave the *Painter*



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Etcher for this his first sign of insubordination, and though threatening to heap coals of fire upon his head, toasted him in another way instead.

At ten of the clock the Banquet had become a thing of the pleasant past, and the company, dispersing for a brief period to adjoining apartments, the Hall of Feasting was converted by a magical transformation into a grand Reception Room, where his Oddship and faithful Committee received an ever-increasing stream of guests invited to the *Conversazione*.

Youth and Beauty (for the most part of Odd Volume origin) were in the ascendant, and Mutual Admiration had never before been so religiously practised.

Owing to the indefatigable and almost superhuman efforts and personal influence of the Committee, and of the energetic Master of the Ceremonies, Brother Lane, Music, and her sister Song, were most lavishly represented by the Artists whose names are duly recorded in the

minute book ; and Brother Conrad Cooke, the *Mechanick*, had the pleasure of introducing for the first time in Europe, a young lady, Mr. Edison's Talking Doll.

No scientific explanation was offered as to the *modus operandi*, but the *Mechanick* personally superintended the phonographic arrangements artfully concealed beneath the seal-skin jacket of his *protégée*, while she, on her part, not only addressed her protector as "Papa," but sang songs, and sustained the conversational reputation of her sex till long after the noon of night, when Brethren and Guests, all supremely happy, went their different ways rejoicing.

Long live those mem'ries glorious !

Arrangements meritorious—

The fun not once uproarious—

Committee—quite victorious !

Long live—with cares not weighty—

The good ship "ODDSHIP HAÏTÉ ;"

And if the gods so please,

Long live all good O. V.'s !



YE ODD VOLUME BANQUET AND CONVERSA-
ZIONE OR GAUDY DAY.

Held at the HÔTEL MÉTROPOLE on Dec. 4th, 1891.

A WELCOME TO THE BANQUET.

Eate, drynke, and be merrie, Guest,
A thousand Welcomes to our Feaste ;
And a thousand Welcomes more,
From our Heart's unstinted store,
To every Ladye here in place,
Whoo's brighte eies and whoo's faire Face
Maketh more fayre, maketh more bright
December's Gloom than Junës Lighte !
Soe welcome all, feastyng yfere,
Health and good Luck, and pleasant Cheere !

YE PLAYWRIGHT, 4th Dec., 1891.

The following ladies and gentlemen among others kindly took part in the entertainment of our guests :

MISS KATE FLINN.
MISS LILY VON KORNATZKI.
MISS LINDA LOUD.
MISS LOUISE DALE.
OSCAR BERINGER.
DAVID BISPHAM.
SIGNOR CAPRILE.
HENRY LAZARUS.
A. BERTRAM LOUD.
ELLIOTT LANGWORTH.
WATTS RUSSELL.
H. VILLIERS.
JAS. C. WELCH.

During the evening Edison's speaking doll, under the protection of the *Mechanick*, for the first time in Europe, talked and sang.



AN ODD VOLUME ODE.

"Write mean Ode," His Oddship said, quite gaily ;
As though Odd Volumes wrote such trifles daily,
"Just a few lines of welcome, warm and hearty,
To greet the guests who grace our GAUDY
party."

"But, dear your Oddship !"—"Silence ! No
excuses !

If I'm not President, pray who the deuce is ?"
Who cares to catch a presidential Tartar ?
A poet might, but no mere doggerel martyr.
While, to obey, combines, in equal measure,
A bounden duty with abounding pleasure.
And for my subject, making here no myst'ry,
I take this current year's Odd Volume hist'ry.
Giving its quarters, with some brief digressions,
A sentence each, like other Quarter-sessions.

SPRING brings His Oddship, yearly, a successor,
Whose duty is, to beat his predecessor.

Our latest President, though but a novice,
Is deemed our best, in virtue of his Office.

We left our dear, good Holme, with many a
blessing ;

But Settes like ours are set upon progressing.

They leave old tales behind them, quite Bo-
Peepish :

Even in Virgil's days *O. V's* were sheepish.

To choose a President, a matter weighty,
Since we must change, the forty turned to Haïté.


SUMMER, so-called, though called, kept raining,
squalling ;

And took no notice of our humble calling.

But, what brought Time, that true old father
antic ?

A marriage ! How romantic ! necromantic.

A learned Clerk, who, while *Ballades* composing,
Found penning stanzas really was engrossing.



The cultured lady could but be delighted
With talent, lore, mirth, youth, and love united.
Their tastes agreed, except in one small matter;
Must I disclose it? Well, I never flatter—
I wormed this secret from an old and gray man—
She loved a Clerk, while he adored a Lehmann.

AUTUMN. Alas! By holidays perverted,
We laughed, quaffed, chaffed, smoked, joked,
 made love, and flirted;
Yes, even flirted! Let us not remember
Those short and sinful annals of September.

WINTER comes on, with mistletoe and—folly.
You never do so? Try to: it's so jolly.
Winter has pleasant days, but none so pleasant
As this our GAUDY DAY, with ladies present.
Fair guests, our very warmest welcomes greet you!
The Sette is glad, extremely glad to meet you.
You cause us losses—we don't feel them keenly:
We seniors lose our heads, but most serenely;

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The young, their hearts ; their feelings quite
unman 'em :

Ladies, like Christmas, come but once *per*
annum ;

And, when they come, they bring such joy and
beauty,

We fall in raptures, from a sense of duty.

Like old Odd Volumes of the middle ages,

We're dull till you illuminate our pages.

For you are bright and good, your features
show it ;

In fact quite perfect ; and you know you know it.

So fair, so kind, your courtesy amazes ;

Forty Odd Volumes can't contain your praises !

That is my judgment. Please, in lieu of
reasons,

Accept these rhymes, an *O.V. THOMPSON'S*
SEASONS.

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December 4th, 1891.

VII.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS.

The 141st Meeting of the Sette of Odd Volumes, held at Limmer's Hotel, Friday, January 8th, 1892. His Oddship Brother G. C. Haile, the Art Critic, in the Chair.

Not for to-day only, but for all time, are written the Records of the Revels of the Sette of Odd Volumes as enacted by the Brethren at the January meeting, when they were fairly out of School, and had assembled not only for mutual admiration, but for mirth, music, melody, and New Year's Greetings.

At seven o'clock the guests were first upon the scene, and were busily engaged in introducing themselves to one another, but the arrival later on of the Brethren afforded an opportunity for profuse apology to the neglected guests, which in many instances cemented undying friendships.

At the appointed moment for dinner, the M. C., mindful of his oaths of duty, but minus

Moore and Zadkiel!—that the time is not far distant when an Odd Volume banquet may be held within the sacred walls of the Mansion House itself!

The President, in feeling terms, alluded to the absence of our revered *Librarian* through indisposition, and spoke the sentiments of the Sette when he expressed his profound sorrow that on this occasion there should be a vacant chair; and Brother Allen added his sincerest regrets for the non-attendance of Brother Quaritch, the first instance of whose absence he could ever remember.

Brothers Elgar, the *Shipwright*; Todhunter, the *Playwright*; Cooke, the *Mechanic*; and Horner, the *Organist*, were also commiserated with in their hour of affliction from the prevailing epidemic, and their restoration to health was fervently prayed for by the Sette—in bumpers.

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New Year's Greetings in a kindly telegram, and he was included in the toast.

Brothers Renton, the *Herald*; Gervis, the *Apothecary*; and Goode, the *Potter*, were welcomed back after their long and enforced absence, and the *Herald* blew his trumpet of grateful acknowledgments to his "dear old Brethren" for holding him in remembrance.

Our gifted Brother Orrock, the *Connoisseur*, was once more among his admiring Brethren, but as his cheery face bore no signs of plague, pestilence, or famine, he received a truly fraternal welcome from which condolences were omitted, by mistake or otherwise.

The Musical Programme was commenced by Signor Bisaccia, who played a delightful solo upon the pianoforte.

Brother Brown presented the Brethren with a little booklet from Mr. W. H. K. Wright, entitled "An evening with the Odd Volumes," and your Secretary was directed to acknowledge

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in appropriate and becoming language the graciousness of the gift.

Mr. Ernest Clarke was then called upon by the President to sing to the Company, and in response Mr. Clarke gave a fine rendering of the song "In Old Madrid."

Presents to the Sette on this eventful night, were, so to speak, the order of the day; and our well-beloved Brother, Alfred East, presented, as a contribution to the Folia, his charming etching, entitled, "A Wet Day at Hakone, in Japan." This delightful work of art is already out of print by that generous distribution among the Brethren, and our Vice-President and *Painter-Etcher*, Brother Ball, proposed a vote of thanks in the happiest phraseology possible even for an Odd Volume, but when he professed (unblushingly too) to be ignorant of the difference between a Public-House and a Tea-Shop many of the Brethren took a grain of salt.

Mr. Wilsey Martin's elegant book, entitled

Quatrains
LIFE'S MYSTERY
AND
OTHER POEMS

BY
WM. WILSEY MARTIN

AUTHOR OF
"By Solent and Danube," "Poems and Ballads," &c.



LONDON:
ELKIN MATHEWS
AT THE SIGN OF THE BODLEY HEAD IN VIGO STREET
1891

FRONTISPIECE—BROTHER MARTIN'S QUATRAIN.

*'The Moving Finger writes, and, having writ,
Moves on; nor all your Piety nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
Nor all your tears wash out a word of it.'*

OMAR-I-KHAYYAM.

TO
THE QUAIN, ART-LOVING, AND ERUDITE
FRATERNITY
CYCLED
“YE SETTE OF ODDE VOLUMES”
(*George Charles Haité, Esq., President*)
THESE POEMS
ARE
BY PERMISSION, RESPECTFULLY
DEDICATED.

*' To friends and eke to foes true kindness show :
No kindly heart can prove unkind, I trow :
Harshness will alienate a bosom friend,
And kindness reconcile a deadly foe.'*

OMAR-I-KHAYYAM.

"Quatrains," and specially dedicated to the Sette of Odd Volumes, was then distributed to every member present, with two copies for the Archives.

Brother Silvanus, our versatile *Magnetizer*, proposed a vote of thanks in a speech which was a model of rhetorical elegance, and which dealt with the subject of this latest presentation in a truly poetic spirit.

Then up rose Brother Venables and seconded the vote of thanks to Mr. Wilsey Martin.

Brother Lane, the *Bibliographer*, presented on behalf of his guest, Mr. Douglas Sladen, who had just returned from Japan, a work which was printed in that country on Japanese Paper by Japanese Artists, and published in England by Brother Welsh, the *Chapman*. This is entitled "Lester the Loyalist," and is now enshrined in the Archives among the other testimonials of regard from admiring guests. The President heartily thanked the donor for his gift.

Mr. Murray Carson gave a highly dramatic rendering of Mrs. Alexander's poem, "The Burial of Moses."

Mr. Ashby Sterry followed with an exceedingly humorous recitation, entitled "The Capstan-Bar."

Mr. Cosmo Monkhouse gave his verses, "The Shield of Silver and Gold." This poem brought the *Herald* again to his feet, in eulogy of the author's historic accuracy, for had not Mr. Monkhouse spoken of the knight who had hung his shield upon a tree? The *Herald* pointed to this fact as being absolutely true in the days of chivalry, but Mr. Monkhouse immediately disclaimed all knowledge of the fact that knights, either in times of peace or when eager for a free fight, hung their shields on trees.

The President then proposed Mr. Ernest Clarke for Membership, and the candidate was seconded by Brother Douglas Gordon the *Remembrancer*.

The *Necromancer* being called on suddenly for a recitation protested that his memory was a perfect blank. But recovering his presence of mind he asked the *Remembrancer* if he could possibly remember anything which he, the *Necromancer* could probably recollect, and immediately dashed off Gilbert's "Ballad of Modesty," which was spoken trippingly on the tongue, proving that there was life in the O. V. yet.

Then came the *tu quoque* toasts between Mr. President and Mr. Vice.

And later on, Hilarity reigned supreme ; New Year's Greetings were renewed and ratified ; and Mutual Admiration reached such a pitch that it seemed to be everybody's birthday. And still later, when the joyous throng had departed into the outer air, his Oddship confidentially remarked to one of his faithful officers,

"Something attempted, something done,
Has earned a night's repose !"

effects in which the artistic senses converge
revel.

Brother Allen, the *Necromancer*, at the President's request, introduced a new instrument torture for the use of his long-suffering Brethren in order to limit the freedom of Odd Volur speech to the prescribed three minutes, and peculiar combination of clockwork and electric was, he confessed, conceived by his own prolific brain, and brought to maturity in the phenomenally short period of three months. For cold-blooded calculating cruelty it exceeded by any agony producer known to the Spanish Inquisition. The fatal ball falling upon the tell-

Volume courage and sincerity of purpose, that officer claimed "privilege," and was allowed to proceed.

The apparatus referred to was lucidly explained by the *Necromancer*, who then formally presented it to the Sette, to whom it was dedicated and inscribed, and his Oddship proposed a vote of thanks (which was seconded by Brother Ball, the *Painter Etcher*) to Brother Allen, for his necromantic gift.

In proposing the toast of "Our Guests," the President nearly exhausted the contents of his colour-box when picturing the many pleasing attributes of his professional Brethren, and called upon two eminent painters to respond, viz. : Mr. Seymour Lucas, A.R.A., and Mr. Wimperis, R.I.

Mr. Seymour Lucas in reply, and on the invitation of his Oddship, gave a simple statement of facts connected with the railway disaster in Spain, which had so nearly resulted in his death. His truly graphic mode of describing the inci-

dents of that catastrophe riveted the attention of his audience, and the cheerful view he took of his own misfortunes, and the high tribute paid to the services of Dr. Keightley, who proceeded to Spain to personally attend to his friend's injuries, commanded the admiration of all.

Mr. Wimperis also replied, and Dr. Keightley delivered a genial and happy address, unselfishly disclaiming any merit in what he had done for Mr. Seymour Lucas, and giving the Spanish doctors great praise for their treatment of this distinguished patient.

His Oddship then alluded to the absence of Brother W. M. Thompson, whose promised paper on "Art, Artists, Critics, Painters, and Other Matters" was abandoned, owing to the illness of the *Lithiographer*, and also to a further disappointment in the absence, through domestic bereavement, of the *Magnetizer*, who had promised to supply his namesake's place with a paper

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Hors d'Oeuvres.

Croûte au Pot.
Purée de Tomates.

Turbot Sauce Hollandaise.
Blanchailles au Naturel et à la Diable.

Côtelettes de Poulet en Salpicon.
Tête de Veau en Tortue.

Selle de Mouton.
Haricots Verts. Pommes de Terre Château.

Asperges en Branches au Beurre Fondu.

Babas à la Montmorency.

Crème à l'Italienne glacée.

Oeufs Brouillés aux Anchois.

Dessert.

"The Sins of Art against Science," a subject which would doubtless have electrified those altogether blameless Knights of the Brush who were gathered round the Odd Volume table. Still our gifted Brother Silvanus had furnished a design for the evening's Menu, which was a masterpiece of Odd Volumeism, and for which a vote of thanks was unanimously passed, as well as a vote of condolence to the *Historiographer*.

Dr. Weber, of Paris, the guest of his brother leech, the great Odd Volume *Leech*, Brother Murrell, spoke from the fulness of his heart, and expressed his delight in meeting so many artists and doctors and scientists, and particularly so able and fluent an orator as Monsieur le Président.

Fraternal remarks were then made by Brother Welsh, the *Chapman*, who had been paying a long visit to his American cousins, not to mention their sisters, and their haunts.

Brother Alfred East's guest, Mr. Paul Bevan, then gave the Sette two delightful Japanese rhapsodies on the pianoforte.

Brother Allen announced another gift from himself to the Brethren in the shape of an Odd Volume Presidential Chair, once possessed by a member of the Sette, and which he thereby presented for the use of future Vice-Presidents. He admiringly pointed to Brother Ball, who was at that moment enjoying his *otium cum dignitate*, embraced, not to say supported, by the loving arms of "The Old Oak Chair."

Brothers Venables, the *Antiquary*, and Hollingsworth, the *Artificer*, returned thanks for the Sette, and complimented the *Necromancer* on having practised the black art with such skill and generosity.

Conviviality then broke out afresh, and a large number of soul-stirring anecdotes followed—politics, religion, and anthropology being studiously ignored. Brother Orrock, the *Connoisseur*,

scored heavily in the Gentle Art of telling Stories, and Brother Alfred East, the *Landscape-Painter*, declaimed a poem written in the days of his youth (quite recently, of course), entitled "An Australian Settler's Story;" and afterwards came for the last time the loving compliments between Mr. President and his Under-Study, when the company began reluctantly to think of going home, and the Brethren spoke to each other mysteriously of the Ides of March, when for business purposes they are united once a year to form a perfect set to.

And, lastly, whisperings were heard in the lobby that there would be a change of ministry, without a dissolution; and that whatever happened the Sette knew well that each O.V. would always do his duty.

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Now here endeth the Record of the sayings
and the doings of the Sette of Odd Volumes

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under the gentle sway of His Oddship President
Haité and of Brother Ball, his virtuous Vice.

And as concerneth your ever grateful, but
rapidly expiring Secretary,

"THE REST IS SILENCE!"





VALEDICTORY ADDRESS

OF HIS ODDSHIP BROTHER G. C. HAITÉ, READ BEFORE
THE SETTE AT LIMMER'S HOTEL, APRIL 1ST, 1892.

BRETHREN,

I T seems but yesterday that I took up the Presidency of the Odd Volumes, yet the time has come when I must relinquish it, and make room for the President-elect:—"We have (as Presidents) our day and cease to be!" Since my installation in this Chair another Odd-Volume-Year has passed, during which the Sette has not been stationary. Am I not right in thinking it has advanced? that history has been made and the Sette is not only as vigorous, but more famous

than ever? The year has been an eventful one. The unforeseen duly happened ; events of grave importance arose one after another—events pregnant with unusually difficult issues, which required all our combined skill and judgment to deal with. It will be unnecessary to go beyond this brief allusion, which suffices to enable me to express my sincere and grateful sense of obligation to the Brethren, one and all, for their advice and support. My Officers, Council, and the Sette as a body, gave in the hour of need a loyal and generous support which enabled us to bring those issues to a satisfactory termination.


When you elected me to this distinguished office a year ago, I assured you then that I was proud of the position, but more proud of the confidence you reposed in me. I am now still more proud to feel, having had such unmistakable evidence of your support, that I have retained that confidence and good-will. I would be prodigal in thanks, for this is the time and my

opportunity, Brethren, of expressing my gratitude for your loyalty and generosity; and for me to make some reference to my stewardship and the chief events of the year.

I have ventured, as I prepared you, to depart from the custom hitherto observed of the Presidential evening, and am more than gratified at the result, and the support afforded me by the Brethren. The very grave incubus of expense that has hitherto hung over the Presidential office has been, to a great extent, removed so that it is now possible for others as limited in means as myself to hold office, and enjoy the privileges of presiding over this society. You have by your efforts made my year brilliant and memorable, and one which I shall ever regard as the red-letter year of my life. We have maintained our reputation for hospitality; we have entertained no less than 270 guests, distinguished in all branches of Literature, Science, and Art. We have had the pleasure of welcoming men distinguished in the

Navy, the Army, and the Drama, and also many notable and intrepid travellers.

It has been our misfortune to miss the kindly faces and pleasant voices of some of the Brethren during the past year, owing to severe domestic bereavement. Nor have we escaped the influenza. Never have we had such a sick list: thirteen of our members have, at various times, been prostrated by this terrible epidemic. I have had specially to deplore its ravages—not only have the meetings during my year been robbed of the presence of many of our oldest O. V.'s, but on two occasions, my right hand, our most worthy secretary Brother Manning, has fallen a victim; and it has also been the cause of breaking our Brother Quaritch's wonderful record of attendance. I am, however, blessed in being able to congratulate them and ourselves also upon their complete recovery, and I feel devoutly thankful that we still remain a united Sette.



We have created a new office during my year—one for which there was pressing necessity. In electing Brother Hamilton to be keeper of our Archives, we have a guarantee that under his able supervision our treasures will be catalogued and preserved.

The archives have been enriched by several valuable contributions from our Brethren and guests. Among the latter should be mentioned Canon Harford's *Epigrammatica*, presented by the author, in which you will discover a neat epigram on our *Necromancer*; Mr. Sherborn's handsome Shakespearian book-plate; a volume "On the Making and Issuing of Books," by Mr. Jacobi; a most interesting and valuable work on costume by Professor Max Pasch; and selections of verses by the Rev. C. H. Daniel, Wilsey Martin, and Douglas Sladen. Turning to the Brethren, Brother Heron-Allen did a graceful action when he procured and presented to the Sette the Vice-Presidential Chair—a chair with a

history—and one which he is so soon destined to occupy. His presentation, too, of the electric bell, upon which is generously inscribed my name as President of the year, deserves our grateful recognition. It is a truly necromantic gift, cunningly and wonderfully contrived, and which adds one more terror to occupation of the Presidential Chair,—a matter I can now afford to view with equanimity.

Brother Manning has most generously presented us with a box for our *Opuscula*, which are now inclosed therein, bound up to date. He has also presented to the Sette for the use of each succeeding Secretary a handsome secretarial badge, a gift which should invest the wearer with the bright and kindly humour of our well-beloved *Secr.*

Brother Villiers enriched the archives by the gift of an original Burmese MS., brought by himself from the palace of King Thebaw at Mandalay.

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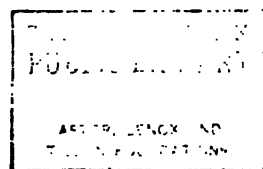
December, 1891.

O.V. ROLL, No. XX

O.V. speech shall last long. For my friend O.V. has any more to say. He may know
it is known to the general public.







Brother Johnson presented his valuable Thackeray find as an *Opusculum*, and Brother Allen "inspired by, and at the request of, her whose generous approval encouraged the writer to have his rhymes ninety-nine times multiplied," inscribed and presented his "Ballades of a Blasé Man."

Contributions, too, for the O. V. Folio have been received :—beautiful proofs from the excellent wood-block of "Proud Maisie" after F. Sandys, presented by Brother Todhunter; and the drypoint etching, "A Reminiscence of Japan," specially executed for the Sette by our *Landscape-Painter*, our gifted Brother East.

Our collection of Menu, Invitation Cards, etc., has been added to by contributions from the facile pencils of Mrs. Seymour Lucas, Mr. C. Rickets, and Mr. Bernard Partridge; while contributions from the Brethren have also been both numerous and striking in their originality. Brother Villiers has invented a most fantastic

rendering of our title ; Brother Johnson presented a facsimile of a drawing by Thackeray, of the immortal Yellow-plush ; Brother Conrad Cooke cleverly compiled and adapted a very 'booky' Menu, from an old wood-engraving of the fifteenth century ; and Brother Silvanus, always original, contributed an original design, beautifully drawn, and well worked out in Anglo-Japanese treatment, while your *Art Critic*, to do honour to the installation of our incoming President, was inspired to the production of the Menu for this present occasion, and in which he may fairly be said to have eclipsed himself.

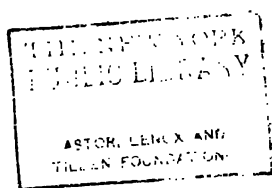
Among the many gratifying events that have occurred during my tenure of office, I should like briefly to recall :

1. The election of Brother Tyler to the dignity of Alderman of the City of London, and his attendance in state at our gaudy-day festival.
2. Brother Silvanus Thompson's election as Fellow of the Royal Society.



"The Kewest Philom."
 Vive Le Roi "

MENU
 Ye Sette of Odd Volumes
 All Fools Day 1892



3. The election of Brother Holme to the office of the most Worshipful Master of the Glass Workers' Company.

4. The completion and presentation by Brother Ford of the emblematic medallions of the *Pilgrim* and your *Art Critic*.

5. Mr., now happily Brother, Wilsey Martin's complimentary dedication to the Sette of his charming book of Quatrains.

6. The election to the Sette of Brothers Huish, Wilsey Martin, Herbert Ward, and York Powell, under the titles of *Bard*, *Vagabond*, *Arts Man*, and *Ignoramus*. Workers so strong in their varied callings, that their election augurs well for the future glory of the Odd Volumes.

7. And an event of great O. V. importance, the marriage of our *Necromancer* and Vice-President elect.

The press notices of our doings have been both numerous and flattering. Brother John-

son's Thackeray paper was mentioned in all the leading papers and journals. An illustration of our December banquet appeared in the "Daily Graphic," and in the issue of "Black and White" for March 26th, appeared the best and fullest description, I think, of the origin and history, the objects and doings of the Sette, that has hitherto been publicly given.

There is something I count last, but not least, and that is the Phonographic record of the voices of the Brethren present at our meeting of July last. The cylinders will be preserved by the Phonographic Company, and are at the service of the Sette. In years to come when possibly many of us have joined the great majority, some as yet unnamed President may revive the very tones of those who worked for and belonged to the first decade of the Sette of Odd Volumes.

A notable event, and one upon which I pride myself as having been conceived and carried out during my official year, is the proposal and



THE ANNUAL CONTINUATION OF "THE RITE OF TWO VOLUMES" AT THE HOTEL METROPOLIS (the page 12)

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adoption of the rules as to the issuing of our *Opuscula*, and I am indebted to our *Clerke-atte-Lawe* for this, as his energy and legal acumen rendered the accomplishment possible.

I must confess to regret, even to keen disappointment, that so few papers have been read, and therefore but few *Opuscula* have been added to our archives during my reign. The Year-Boke No. 2, and Brother Cooke's paper have not yet been presented. Regarding the latter, I may perhaps mention that private arrangements with Brother Quaritch fell through, but the presentation to the Sette is only postponed. Brother Cooke's severe and protracted illness has prevented him from giving attention to the matter. The Year-Boke No. 2 we had hoped would have been in your hands ere this, but the prevailing epidemic has made such serious demands upon our *Leech's* time that he has found it impossible to join the *Attorney-General* and myself for the consideration of the subject. Before

long, however, it will be in your hands, and will, we hope, receive your unanimous approval.

It may be remembered that in my inaugural address, in referring to the papers promised me by Brothers Villiers, Johnson, Cooke, Moore, Elgar, Thompson, and East, I said :—"I shall thus be enabled to carry out what I consider to be the most important duty that falls to the lot of the President, viz. :—to continue our record as a Printing Society," but the reasons for the non-delivery of several of the promised papers were sufficient and serious. Brother Moore's sad accident will linger in the memory of us all ; and Brothers Elgar and Thompson have been the victims of the epidemic, whilst the offers of Brothers Silvanus and East were nullified by domestic affliction and other reasons. I must express my thanks to Brother Silvanus for so kindly volunteering (at the last moment, when he heard of Brother Thompson's illness) to read a paper on that evening, but unfortunately

domestic bereavement again prevented the realization of my hopes. I am, however, none the less grateful to our *Magnetizer* for this evidence of his readiness to oblige the President, and I appreciate the efforts he made. For these reasons only three papers have been delivered during my year, it is true; but if quantity has been lacking, it has been made up for by quality. Few Presidents have been so fortunate as to have three *such* papers as those by Brothers Johnson, Villiers, and Cooké, all so ably compiled and delivered, and on such varied and exceptionally interesting subjects. My remarks must needs be brief, otherwise I should like to speak at greater length upon these papers. But I must rest content with tendering my thanks to Brother Plumptre Johnson for reading and presenting his Thackeray "find," an event of interest to the world at large, and remarkable in our history, and to Brother Villiers for his deeply interesting paper, "The Experiences of a War Artist on

Active Service," and also for his admirable Menu, to which I have already referred. To Brother Cooke also I am deeply grateful for his most fascinating paper on "Automata Old and New," probably the most original yet delivered to the Sette. It will, I hope, ere long be presented us in *Opuscula* form. The Menu on that occasion was also of Brother Cooke's conception and arrangement.

It is almost expected that every President during his year of office should introduce something new to the attention of the Brethren. I must rest my claim to the introduction of something new upon the Phonograph evening; and moreover on the fact that Mr. Edison's Speaking Doll, under the protection of Brother Cooke, *was heard for the first time in Europe at our December Banquet.*

I must not omit to thank you, Brethren, for your support on the occasion of our Banquet and Conversazione, and my thanks, with those

of my wife, are especially due to the members of the Dinner Committee and their wives.

Mrs. G. C. Haité, Brother Manning and Mrs. Manning, Brother T. C. Venables and Mrs. Venables, Brother E. Heron Allen and Mrs. Allen, Brother Douglas Gordon and Mrs. Gordon.

It was mainly owing to their efforts that the comfort of our guests was assured, and the evening was such a brilliant success.

In my Vice-President, Brother Ball, I have found a leal and true officer, seeking for no personal influence, content that all the honour and glory should be bestowed upon his chief, and yet when occasion arose, readily and cheerfully taking his share of responsibility.

You have all been witness of the devotion, energy and courtesy of our Secretary, but none except myself can fully understand the extent of his labours and his amiability. He has devoted hours of his time, almost daily, to our interests : he has been my right-hand, and I say in all

seriousness, that my success, if any, is mainly due to his generous and ungrudging support ;— ever cheerful, ever willing, kindly in suggestion, prolific in resource, he has been the devoted servant of myself and the Sette, while it will be doing no past Secretary an injustice to declare his minutes to be in originality and exhaustive description hitherto unsurpassed.

Of my Master of the Ceremonies, Brother Lane, I may say he has proved an enthusiastic and energetic Odd Volume, and the means of introducing to the Sette many very distinguished men in Letters and Art. He has been ready and willing to do anything at my slightest wish, and as a representative member of the Sette on the Council, travelled many miles on the shortest notice in order to be present at a recent meeting.

My thanks are due to Mr. Jacobi of the Chiswick Press, and Mr. Hayward of the Automatic Engraving Co., for their courtesy, and attention to our printing. Also an expression of

satisfaction and obligation is due to Mr. Whaley, the manager of this Hotel, for the courteous attention he has given to our desires and comfort, and for his kindness in arranging for our business and council meetings.

We have to record the resignation of our *Architect*, whom I had the pleasure of introducing and proposing, who left us solely from inability to attend our gatherings; our evenings falling upon a day of exceptional importance to himself, and of our *Rhymer*, who resigned on the score of ill-health, which necessitated his future residence in the Isle of Wight.

In conclusion, I trust the Sette has suffered naught at my hands. I can honestly say that I have done my best at all times, that I have endeavoured to allow no personal feelings to influence or actuate my motives or actions, and that I have ever placed the interests and affairs of the Sette of Odd Volumes before everything, even before my private and professional in-

terests, that in all I have done, or sought to do, I have been actuated only by a desire to further the interests of our Society. Therefore, Brother Odd Volumes, if at any time word or action of mine should have caused you to think that I have been lacking in consideration and courtesy, I beg you will pardon that which was unintentional. Again, if any should feel I have been lacking in promptitude in answer to any communication, may I assure them that it arose either from my absence from home, or some equally unavoidable cause. I have made it a duty to answer fully and promptly any and all communications from the Brethren, and I am afraid to state the number of letters I *have* written on O. V. matters during my term of office. At this point, I must tender my thanks to the Brethren for the satisfactory way in which the Dining Post Cards have been returned, the receipt of which is of such assistance to the President and his officers.

It is my happy privilege to hand over to my successor a united Sette, with no heritage of debatable matter or personal grievance.

I wish my successor a bright and happy year of office. My services will be ever at his command ; for I now become again only one of the Sette, and as a true O. V. I shall be ever ready to support the President in an office which, however flattering and dignified, is nevertheless a position of serious responsibility.

If I may make one last request of the Brethren (and I know it will be readily granted) it is that they give such loyal and generous support to the new President as I have enjoyed. It remains now but for me to predict for His Oddship a peaceful and brilliant reign, and when in the fulness of time he relinquishes this office, as I now do, may he have the same faces surrounding him, and may the Sette be more flourishing, more united, and more famous than it has ever been.



**Object: ConBiviality and
Mutual Admiration.**

HOSPITALITY.

DURING the Odd Volume year beginning April, 1891, and closing March, 1892, eleven Meetings of the Sette were held, at nine of which Guests were received. The number so entertained was upwards of two hundred and seventy, thus sustaining the reputation of the Sette for Hospitality.

Many Americans and gentlemen of other nationalities distinguished in Literature, Science, and Art, graced our board, and the following Societies and Institutions were represented by some of their leading Members and Fellows :

1. The Royal Society.
2. The Royal Academy of Arts.
3. The Royal College of Surgeons.
4. Royal Water-colour Society.
5. Royal Institute of Painters in oils and water-colours.
6. Society of Arts.
7. Royal Society of British Artists.
8. Royal Society of Painter Etchers.
9. Royal Anglo-Australian Art Society.
10. Linnean Society.
11. The Royal Institute of British Architects.
12. The Society for the Encouragement of the Fine Arts.
13. Institute of Electrical Engineers.
14. Society of Antiquaries.

15. Society of Electrical Engineers.

16. Zoological Society, etc., etc., etc., etc.

Also representatives of the Church, Members of Parliament, and the Diplomatic Service, The Army, Navy, Music, and the Drama,—and Journalism by Editors of many of the leading daily papers and illustrated journals.

At the Annual Gaudy Night, which was held at the Hôtel Métropole, on December 4th, 1892, seven to eight hundred Guests were received by the President and Sette.





CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF GUESTS

1891-92.

1891.

April 3rd.

J. BRISCOE.
HERBERT WARD.
GEORGE ELKINGTON.
F. THISELTON DYER,
F.R.S.
J. F. W. MACALISTER.
J. P. BRODHURST.
F. HAMILTON JACKSON,
R.B.A.
ALFRED WILCOX.
M. H. SPIELMANN.
J. PRITCHARD ROGERS.
W. BEN. ROGERS.
C. W. SHERBORN.
W. W. MANNING.
EDWARD JOHNSON.
GEORGE LOCK.
F. GOULDING.
EDWIN BALE, R.I.
E. STANFORD, Jun.

JOSEPH W. DARTON.
HARRINGTON WYMAN.

May 1st.

PROFESSOR CARRUTH-
ERS, F.R.S., F.L.S.,
etc., etc.
WILLIAM WILDE.
WILLIAM LINNELL.
W. D. ALMOND, R.B.A.
RUDOLPH LEHMANN.
RICHARD M. PATTIS-
SON.
SIDNEY S. PAWLING.
R. J. DURHAM.
JOHN WELFORD.
E. FORBES LANKESTER.
ALLEN H. CLARKE.
J. W. MANNING, M.A.
W. SOWTER, J.P.
J. CLARKE, R.I.
THOMAS ARCHER.

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A. E. FLETCHER.	WILLIAM LOWNDES,
RICHARD LE GALLI-	J.P.
ENNE.	REV. C. H. DANIEL.
L. ALMA TADEMA, R.A.	EDWARD BERNARD.
EDWIN LONG, R.A.	W. FOLLEN BISHOP,
J. R. FAIRFAX } of	R.B.A.
J. MULLINS } Sidney.	W. H. OVEREND.
C. H. WILLIAMSON.	WALTER WITHALL.
MINTON GOODE.	W. B. WOLLEN, R.I.
LOUIS PARKES.	DR. J. BELVIN, of
DR. CARRINGTON BOL-	Paris.
TON.	JOSEPH LYONS.
WILLIAM CROOKES,	SIR GEO. CAMPBELL,
F.R.S.	BART.
PERCY BIGLAND.	LASLETT J. POTT.
J. A. BROWN.	S. B. BANCROFT.
CLEMENT SHORTER.	W. W. MANNING.
DR. GEORGE JOHNSON,	C. F. GUNTHER.
F.R.S.	W. FAUX.
WM. LIPSCOMB.	J. L. CROSS.
RICHMOND RITCHIE.	PROFESSOR ALDER
NORMAN MACCOLL.	WRIGHT, F.R.S.
SIR ALFRED GARROD,	W. H. K. WRIGHT.
F.R.S.	MAX PASCH.
ALFRED MARKBY.	ARTHUR ROBERTSON,
EDWARD JOHNSON,	R.P.E.
F.R.S.	E. SINCLAIR.
	COL. SLADE.
	COL. WALLACE.
	R. S. SMYTHE.

June 5th.

RICHARD PHILLIPPS.

GENERAL P. P. RODNEY.
LT. W. B. HUGHES.
F. FIELD FISHER.

July 3rd.

F. H. SANGSTER.
COL. G. G. GOURAUD.
F. ELLIOTT LANGWORTH.
F. STANCOMBE.
J. W. HARRISON.
JAS. S. COTTON.
JAS. A. WELCH.
EDWIN HAYES, R.I.
EDWIN LISTER ARNOLD.

JOHN PERRY, F.R.S.
LIONEL JOHNSON.
SIDNEY T. WHITEFORD.
FRED UPTON.
ROBERT BARR (Luke Sharpe).
MISS M. H. FERGUSSON.

November 6th.

GEO. ETHERIDGE.
H. SEYMOUR TROWER.
J. B. PARTRIDGE.
W. H. K. WRIGHT.
GORDON HILLS.

J. W. MANNING, M.A.
J. N. MASKELYNE.
JAMES DREDGE.
E. ALLAN COOKE.
WILLIAM CLARK.
J. E. SINCLAIR.
A. M. DANIEL.
N. F. SHEPPARD.
ODOARDO BARRI.
SIDNEY LEE.
ERNEST RADFORD.
A. BRUCE JOY.
H. C. A. EYRES, H.B.M.
Consul at Damascus.
J. C. S. HARPER.

December 4th.

J. M. THOMPSON.
MRS. THOMPSON.
MISS THOMPSON.
CECIL THOMPSON.
MRS. MCCAIG.
MISS L. MCCAIG.
MRS. MANNING.
J. W. MANNING, M.A.
W. W. MANNING.
MISS MANNING.
MISS E. J. MANNING.
HENRY LAZARUS.
T. H. WORRALL.
J. H. WELLBY.

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GEORGE HOLME.	MISS HOLLINGSWORTH.
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SIDNEY LOW.	MRS. HERON ALLEN.
MISS ELSIE LOW.	ARTHUR QUINTIN
MISS MARY F. BLUNT.	TWISS.
F. W. BLUNT.	MISS TWISS.
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ALLAN DORAN.	G. G. KILBURN, R.I.
MRS. HAMILTON.	THOS. STAFFORD
MISS GERTRUDE	HAZEON.
QUARITCH.	MRS HAZEON.
OSCAR BERINGER.	MRS. COOKE.
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L. S. P. BARNARD.	M. H. SPIELMANN.
FRANCIS PIERREPOINT	J. ASHBY STERRY.
BARNARD.	C. C. SHOLEFIELD.
MRS. ALFRED EAST.	R. W. HEDLEY.
MRS. FRANK WYMAN.	DOUGLAS SLADEN.
JOHN F. BOYES.	MURRAY CARSON.

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MRS. GEO. TYLER.
MISS ROBINSON.
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GERTRUDE H. TYDD.
FRANK M. VILLIERS.
GEO. B. TYDD.
E. ERNEST VENABLES.

February 5th.

EDWARD HAYWARD.
GLEESON WHITE.
C. P. KNIGHT.
W. W. MANNING.
SEYMOUR LUCAS,
A.R.A.
HOWARD UNWIN.
W. R. PIDGEON.
P. C. TRENCH.
E. M. WIMPERIS, R.I.
DR. WEBER.
PAUL BEVAN, M.A.
ARTHUR C. BLOMFIELD,
M.A.

1892.

January 8th.

J. MACLAREN COBBAN.	JOHN DAVIES.
ARTHUR P. BILLSON.	ED. B. BEAL.
ERNEST CLARKE,	WILLIAM WATSON.
F.L.S.	W. J. MORRIS.
SIGNOR G. BISACCIA.	DR. KEIGHTLY.
MONS. G. LORIN.	
A. G. TROWER.	
F. W. WESTLEY.	
LIEUT. M. J. W. PIKE.	
LIEUT. C. B. PIKE.	



List of Guests

1891-92,

*Arranged, alphabetically, under the names of the
Brethren by whom they were invited.*

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W. D. ALMOND, R.B.A.

ARTHUR BILLSON.

W. FOLLEN BISHOP, R.B.A.

DR. BOLVIN, of Paris.

J. PENDEREL BRODHURST.

PROFESSOR W. CARRUTHERS, F.R.S., F.L.S., ETC.

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MRS. HAZEON.
F. HAMILTON JACKSON, R.B.A.
A. BRUCE JOY.
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WM. LINNELL.
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JOSEPH LYONS.
W. H. OVEREND.
ERNEST RADFORD.
MAJOR SANGSTER.
M. H. SPIELMANN.
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A. WILCOX.
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WALTER WITHALL.
W. B. WOLLEN, R.I.

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Painter-Etcher,

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MISS BALE.
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F. GOULDING.
HERBERT M. MARSHALL, R.W.S.
MRS. MARSHALL.
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ARTHUR ROBERTSON, R.P.E.
W. F. SHEPPARD.
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and Secr,

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GORDON HILLS.

C. P. KNIGHT.
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HENRY LAZARUS.
MRS. WM. MANNING.
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W. W. MANNING.
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MISS E. J. MANNING.
J. N. MASKELYNE.
C. W. SHERBORN.
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MRS. WELLBY.
F. W. WESTLEY.
T. H. WORRALL.

BERNARD QUARITCH, Librarian,

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C. F. GUNTHER, of Chicago.
SIDNEY S. PAWLING.
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CECIL S. THOMPSON.

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MISS CHARLES DAVIES.
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COL. SLADE.
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LASLETT J. POTT.
MAJOR C. ST. JOHN ROCHE.
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W. B. ROGERS.
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Alchymist,*

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RICHARD PHILLIPPS.
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ODOARDO BARRI.
J. C. HATTON, Q.C., of Montreal.
MAX LECLERE, of Paris.

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SIR GUY CAMPBELL, BART.

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GEO. ELKINGTON.
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SIDNEY LEE.
RUDOLPH LEHMANN.
MISS ALMA LEHMANN.
BARRY PAIN.
DEIGHTON N. POLLOCK.
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T. CLARKE.

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REV. J. PRESLAND.
UNWIN SOWTER, J.P.
F. STANCOMBE.
JAMES H. STONE, J.P.
GLEESON WHITE.

FREDK. H. GERVIS, M.R.C.S., Apothecary,

Introduced as Guest :

JOHN DAVIES, C.C.

JOHN W. BRODIE-INNES, Master of the Rolls,

Introduced as Guest :

T. FIELD FISHER.

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JAMES ORROCK, R.I., Connoisseur,

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DR. KEIGHTLY.

SEYMOUR LUCAS, A.R.A., F.S.A.

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ALFRED EAST, R.I., Landscape Painter,

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EDWIN LONG, R.A.

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J. MULLINS.

M. H. SPIELMANN.

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MAX PASCH.
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ALEXANDER T. HOLLINGSWORTH,
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JOHN TODHUNTER, M.D., Playwright,

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YORK POWELL.
SIDNEY T. WHITEFORD.

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C. ALLAN COOKE.
JAMES DREDGE.

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CHARLES PLUMPTRE JOHNSON,

Clerke-atte-Lawe,

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OSCAR BERINGER.

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R. S. SMYTHE.

THOS. VILLIERS.

C. H. WILLIAMSON.

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MARCUS B. HUIISH, LL.B., *Arts-Man,*

Introduced as Guests :

JOHN FRED BOYES.
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J. ASHBY STERRY.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE SETTE

DURING THE YEAR 1891-92.

Vice-Presidential Chair. By BRO. HERON-ALLEN.
Secretary's Badge. By BRO. WM. MANNING.
Electric Bell. By BRO. HERON-ALLEN.
Burmese MSS. By BRO. F. VILLIERS.
Box for *Opuscula*. By BRO. WM. MANNING.
Ballades of a Blasé Man. By BRO. HERON-ALLEN.
Quatrains. By WILSEY MARTIN.
Epigrammatica. CANON HARFORD.
On the Making of Books. CHAS. T. JACOBI.

"A New Sermon ; or, We are Fooles." REV. C.

H. DANIEL.

Book Plate. SHERBORN.

Costume. HERR MAX PASCH.

Lester the Loyalist. DOUGLAS SLADEN.

A Night with the O.V.'s. W. H. K. WRIGHT.

History of Indigenous Education in the Punjab.

Munza and Nagyr : Handbook.

Pamphlets : " Muhammadanism."

„ "On the Sciences of Language and
of Ethnography."

By G. W. LEITNER, LL.D., M.A., PH.D., ETC.

To the Portfolio.

No. 2. Proud Maisie. F. SANDYS, BRO. TOD-
HUNTER.

No. 3. Reminiscence of Japan. BRO. EAST.

FOLIA.

ORIGINATED BY BROTHER HOLME, *Pigeon*, WHO
PRESENTED EACH BROTHER WITH A
SPECIAL PORTFOLIO.

1. **The Victualling Crew.**

By Bro. HENRY MOORE, A.R.A., *Ancient Mariner*. Presented
to the Socy by Bro. HENRY MOORE, February 6th, 1892.

2. **Proud Maisie,**

From a drawing by Frederick Sandys. Presented by Bro.
TODDENTER, Playwright.

3. **A Wet Day in Hakone, Japan.**

Presented by Bro. ALFRED EAST, Landscape Painter.



LIST OF SPECIALLY DESIGNED MENU AND INVITATION CARDS.

- May 1st, 1891. Menu from a Drawing by
Thackeray. By BRO. C. P. JOHNSON.
- June 5th, 1891. Menu. By BRO. F. VILLIERS.
- Dec. 4th, 1891. Menu. By BERNARD PART-
RIDGE.
- Dec. 4th, 1891. Invitation Card. By CHAS.
RICKETTS.
- Dec. 4th, 1891. Banquet Card. By MRS.
SEYMOUR LUCAS.
- Dec. 4th, 1891. Verse of Welcome. By BRO.
TODHUNTER.
- Dec. 4th, 1891. Ode specially written for the
Gaudy Day. BRO. W. M. THOMPSON.
- Feb. 5th, 1892. Menu. By BRO. SILVANUS.
- April 1st, 1892. Menu. By BRO. GEO. C. HAITÉ.



LIST OF MEMBERS

ADDED TO THE SETTE IN THE YEAR 1891-92.

Nov. 6, 1891. MARCUS B. HUISE, *Arts-man*.

Feb. 5, 1892. WILSEY MARTIN, *Laureate*.

Mar. 3, 1892. HERBERT WARD, *Vagabond*.

Apl. 1, 1892. FREDK. YORK POWELL, *Ignoramus*.



LIST OF PAPERS

READ BEFORE THE SETTE IN THE YEAR 1891-92.

DATE.

May 1st, 1891. W. Makepeace Thackeray's
"Reading a Poem," by BRO. CHAS. P.
JOHNSON.

June 5th, 1891. "Experiences of a War
Correspondent in Active Service," by BRO.
FREDERIC VILLIERS.

Nov. 6th, 1891. "Automata Old and New,"
by BRO. CONRAD COOKE.

LIST OF OPUSCULA

PRESENTED TO THE SETTE IN THE YEAR
1891-92.

"Reading a Poem," by BRO. CHAS. P. JOHNSON.

"Witchcraft," by BRO. BRODIE-INNES.

Presented to the Sette by BRO. TYLER,
the paper having been read in BRO.
HOLME's year.

"Automata Old and New," by BRO. CONRAD
W. COOKE. In the Press.

"Year-Boke, No. II." In the Press.

"Year-Boke, No. III." In the Press.

WORKS DEDICATED TO THE
SETTE.

The Ancestry of the Violin.

London, 1882. EDWARD HERON-ALLEN.

An Odd Volume for Smokers.

London, 1889. WALTER HAMILTON.

The Blue Friars.

London, 1889. W. H. K. WRIGHT.

Quatrains.

London, 1892. W. WILSEY MARTIN.

INNOVATIONS.

1. The Annual Election of one of the Sette to serve as an Odd Councillor.
2. The Creation of Office of Keeper of the Archives and permanent Election of BRO. HAMILTON (*The Parodist*).
3. The acceptance of Rules relating to the Printing of O. V. *Opuscula*, as drawn up by our *Clerke-atte-Lawe*, BRO. CHARLES PLUMPTRE JOHNSON.



RULES.

I.

THE Sette of Odd Volumes shall consist of twenty-one, this being the number of volumes of the Variorum Shakespeare of 1821; but Supplemental O. V.'s to the number of Twenty-one may be elected, and incorporated in the Sette as vacancies arise.

2. The Sette of Odd Volumes shall meet on the first Friday in every month (unless the day be previously altered by the President and Councillors) save in those months in which no Meeting shall be held.

3. The place and time of Meeting shall be fixed by the President and Councillors. Seven days' notice thereof shall be sent by the Secretary to each Odd Volume.
4. CANDIDATES for Election into the Sette of Odd Volumes shall have previously dined at least *twice* with the Sette. Each Candidate shall be in due form proposed and seconded at one of the regular Meetings, and his name and qualification shall be then entered in the Candidates Book.
5. The Election of Odd Volumes shall be by Ballot. A Ballot for the Election of a new O. V. shall take place at the time and in manner prescribed by the By-laws of the Sette.
6. Each Odd Volume on his admission to receive a Badge and a Certificate, and shall pay Three Odd Pounds and Three Odd Shillings. The Annual Subscription to

be One Odd Pound and Twenty-one
Odd Shillings.

7. Every new Odd Volume shall be expected, within a reasonable period of the date of his admission, to make a literary, scientific, or artistic contribution to the Sette.
8. Every Odd Volume shall have the privilege of bringing Guests to six of the Monthly Meetings of the Sette to be fixed by the President, and such guests shall be introduced to the President and the Sette by the Master of Ceremonies. Each Monthly Meeting shall pay its own expenses, and the first toast at every Meeting shall be the National expression of loyalty, "Her Majesty the Queen."
9. Any Odd Volume losing his temper and failing to recover it, shall be fined by the President the sum of five shillings.

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10. Discussions about Anthropology, Religion, and Politics, shall be put down by the President.
11. Any O.V. giving to another O.V. *unasked* advice shall be fined five shillings.
12. Annual Subscriptions shall be due on the First of April, and shall extend to the end of March of the following year. Subscriptions of new Odd Volumes shall be due for the current year on the day of Election. The Election of Office-Bearers shall be effected at the Annual Business Meeting.
13. Any Odd Volume leaving his Annual Subscription unpaid for three months, and failing to pay the same upon one month's notice, or failing to attend three dinners at least during the Odd Volume year, without having within one month after notice of such failure satisfied the

Councillors that he has reasonable cause for such failure, shall cease to be a Member of the Sette. Any Member and any Office-Bearer desiring to resign shall place his resignation in the hands of the President, to be by him laid before the Sette at the next Meeting, and to be dealt with by them as they shall think fit.

14. No Odd Volume shall be elected President for two consecutive years. Ex-Presidents shall form a Sette of Odd Councillors, together with the President, Vice-President, and Secretary, as *ex-officio* Members of the Council, and one other Member to be annually elected from the Sette.
15. The Election of President and Vice-President shall be by Ballot, and immediately after the election of the Vice-President the President shall appoint his Secretary and Master of Ceremonies for the ensuing year.

16. There shall be no Rule 16.
17. On any point of accepted O.V. Ritual or Ceremonial, the decision of the Master of Ceremonies shall be immediately final, but if any ingenious O.V. can subsequently prove his decision to have been wrong, such penalty shall be inflicted upon the M.C. by order of the Councilors, as the M.C. is at all likely to submit to.
18. No Odd Volume shall talk *unasked* on any subject he understands
19. No Odd Volume shall under any circumstances refer to any other O.V. save by his title and denomination in the Sette.
20. No O.V.'s speech shall last longer than three minutes ; if, however, the inspired O.V. has any more to say, he may proceed until his voice is drowned in the general applause.

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21. No resolution altering the Rules or By-laws of the Sette shall be passed except at the Annual Business Meeting, or at a Special Meeting summoned by the President on the written request of ten Members of the Sette; and then only after formal notice of such Resolution.



BY-LAWS

FOR REGULATING THE ISSUE OF OPUSCULA OF
THE SETTE OF ODD VOLUMES.

1. The *Opuscula* of the Sette shall consist of either original productions or reprints of rare Books or Manuscripts, in either case with or without illustrations, as may seem desirable. They shall in the former case be confined to such productions as have been previously read at an Ordinary Meeting of the Sette by Members. Members may also be at liberty, with the consent of the Publication Committee, to issue *Opuscula* which have not been read at a Meeting of the Sette.

2. No paper shall be read except at the invitation of the President of the Sette for the time being.

3. No Paper so read shall be issued as one of the *Opuscula* of the Sette until the Manuscript has been approved of by the Publication Committee, which shall consist of the President, Vice-President and Secretary for the time being (and of two other Members of the Sette to be elected in the ordinary manner at the Annual Business Meeting). The "Imprimatur" of such Publication Committee shall be printed on the back of the title-page of every *Opusculum* authorized by them.

4. The *Opuscula* shall be issued as hitherto in the present form, but the Publication Committee shall be empowered in exceptional cases to sanction the issue of an *Opusculum* in any other form.

5. The *Opuscula* shall be printed by the Typographer to the Sette, and in such type as may be decided upon by the Publication Com-

mittee, subject to the following rules being observed :

- (a) The issue as one of the *Opuscula* of the Sette shall be and shall be expressed to be a private issue not for sale.
- (b) It shall consist of not more than 133 copies (unless the President and Odd Councillors shall otherwise decide), each numbered and signed by the Author or Editor, or in case of the *Opusculum* being presented by some other Member of the Sette by the Donor ; it being contemplated that an *Opusculum* may be presented by a Member who has not read or produced it.
- (c) Each Member of the Sette shall be entitled to receive two copies of each *Opusculum*, thirteen copies shall be

presented to the Archives. The remainder of the copies will remain the property of the Donor of the *Opusculum*.

- (d) No copy of any of the *Opuscula* of the Sette issued after this date shall be sold by any Member of the Sette.
- (e) The Keeper of the Archives who hands proceeds to Treasurer shall at any time, with the consent of the Publication Committee, sell to any new Member applying for a copy any of the *Opuscula* of the Sette which may for the time being be in the Archives at such price as the Treasurer and the Publication Committee may fix, provided always that no copy of any of the *Opuscula* of the Sette be sold to anybody but a Member, who shall state that he had no other copy, and that

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no *Opusculum* shall be sold unless there are more than two copies of it in the Archives.

6. The presentation of a Paper and its issue among the *Opuscula* of the Sette shall not be deemed to confer any copyright on the Sette beyond that of the privately printed edition so issued, and the presentation and issue of any such Paper shall in no way hinder the publication in the ordinary way of any other edition of the book or the issue in any form of the matter contained in such Paper, provided that any published edition of any such Paper shall be issued with another title without the imprimatur of the Publication Committee.

7. These By-Laws shall, as from the 18th March, 1892, have the force of the ordinary Rules of the Sette, and shall be printed in the Year-Book.



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1878. EDWARD RENTON, *Herald*.

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VICE-PRESIDENT, 1880; SECRETARY, 1882.

1878. W. MORT THOMPSON, *Historiographer*.

16, Carlyle Square, Chelsea, S.W.

VICE-PRESIDENT, 1882; PRESIDENT, 1883.

1878. CHARLES W. H. WYMAN, *Typographer*.

103, King Henry's Road, Primrose Hill, N.W.

VICE-PRESIDENT, 1878 and 1879;

PRESIDENT, 1880.

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1878. EDWARD F. WYMAN, *Treasurer.*

19, Blomfield Road, Maida Vale, W.

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TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

April, 1891, to March, 1892.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Cash— Subscriptions: 1 Member at 31s. 6d. (for last year's) 2 Members at 63s. 37 Members at 41s.							
			1	11	6		
				6	0		
			75	17	0		
					<u>83</u>	14	6
By Cash—							
Balance due to Treasurer from							
last year					0	5	6
Presentation to President (in							
reserve)					10	10	0
Treasurer's Expenses					1	1	0
Secretary's Expenses					1	1	0
E. Renton (badges)					1	0	0
E. Renton do.					0	10	0
Whittingham & Co. (printing)					41	13	3
Mitchell and Hughes do.					3	19	0
Hansard Union do.					1	9	10
Tailby and Price (lithography)					1	18	0
J. Kew (guard book)					2	2	0
						<u>65</u>	9 7
Automatic Engraving Co., Dec.,					5	6	6
1891							
Griffith, Farran & Co., Jan.,							
1890, to April, 1891					10	10	4
						<u>15</u>	16 10
Balance . .						<u>2</u>	8 1
							<u>£83 14 6</u>

Balance £2 8 1

I have examined the above Accounts, compared the various Vouchers, and hereby certify the same to be correct.—CHAS. P. JOHNSON, Auditor.

2nd March, 1892.



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